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'SAVARKAR HAD NO MALICE AGAINST MAHATMA'

Defence Counsel Denies Conspiracy With Godse

TEN THOUSAND LETTERS FOUND AT "SAVARKAR SADAN" CONTAINED NO PLAN OF MURDER

RED FORT, DELHI, DEC. 21, (A.P.I.): MR. P. R. DAS, COUNSEL FOR V. D. SAVARKAR, CONTINUED HIS ARGUMENTS AT THE RESUMED HEARING OF THE GANDHI MURDER CASE IN THE COURT OF MR. ATMA CHARAN, SPECIAL JUDGE.

Mr. Das referred to the meeting of Nathuram, Apte, Karkare and Gopal at the house of Mr. G. M. Joshi, Thana, on January 25 and submitted that the prosecution had produced Basant Joshi, son of Mr. G. M. Joshi to prove this meeting. All that Joshi had said was that the four persons namely Nathuram, Apte, Karkare and Gopal came to their house and were together between 8-30 P.M. and 9 P.M. on January 25.

NO CONSPIRACY PROVED

Assuming that the court accepted every word of his evidence it did not prove any conspiracy. The evidence of association itself was not sufficient to prove a criminal conspiracy. The mere evidence that Karkare, Gopal, Apte and Nathuram met at the house of Mr. G. M. Joshi five days before the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi did not establish that there was a discussion about the assassination of Mahatmaji.

Basant Joshi did not know what conversation took place. It was rather strange that the son was produced till the father was got back. As a matter of fact G. M. Joshi was in the Red Fort for a fortnight but he was not examined. The non-examination of G. M. Joshi was fatal to the prosecution case. Had G. M. Joshi been produced in the witness box he would have told what was the purpose of the meeting and what transpired at that meeting. Basant's evidence amounted to nothing at all. There was a great doubt whether Gopal, Nathuram, Apte had been to Thana on January 25.

According to Basant a telegram was sent to Apte in Poona on January 25 asking him to come to Thana. But, according to the evidence of Malekar, Manager of Elphinstone Hotel, Nathuram and Apte were not in Poona on January 25 but they were in Bombay. It was, therefore, miraculous that they made their appearance at Thana that very evening. He would, therefore, submit that the court should not accept the evidence of Basant.

Mr. P. R. Das, counsel for V. D Savarkar, continued his arguments at the resumed hearing of the Gandhi murder case in the court of Mr. Atma Charan, Special Judge.

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According to Malekar, Mr. Das went on, Nathuram Godse and Apte had come to the hotel on January 24, left the hotel on the morning of January 27. He had also stated that a man and woman visitor had come to see them. The woman came on January 26 and the man at about 9 p.m. "most probably on January 25". Mr. Das said that he was entitled to argue that it was probable that Gopal did come to see Nathuram and Apte on January 25. He would submit that there was reasonable doubt whether Gopal would have been to Thana between 8-30 p.m. and 9 p.m. on January 25. It did create a reasonable doubt as to whether Gopal could have been at Thana between 8-30 p.m. and 9 p.m. on January 25.

NO PARTY TO CONSPIRACY

Arguing whether Savarkar was a party to the conspiracy Mr. Das submitted that Savarkar was a barrister and had devoted his entire life to the service of his country and had suffered heavily. He was president of the Hindu Mahasabha for six years and was now living in retirement. He had received the degree of Doctorate from the Nagpur University. "It is for your honour to consider whether a man of his status would have joined a conspiracy of this nature with people like Nathuram and Apte. There is no evidence that he had any malice towards Mahatma Gandhi".

SAVARKAR'S LETTERS

"Your Honour, you will remember," continued Mr. Das that Savarkar's house was searched. One-hundred and forty files containing 10,000 letters were recovered. There is not one word in any letter to suggest that Savarkar could have possibly desired the death of Mahatma Gandhi and could have possibly indulged in a plan to kill Gandhiji. There is only one letter from Apte and three from Godse in 1946. These letters have nothing to do with the case In 1947 there was no correspondence whatsoever with Apte and Godse. Then why have those letters been admitted? The prosecution says that these letters show some association between Savarkar, Apte, and Godse. The association upto 1946 not relevant."

Judge: These letters have been admitted just to show that there was an acquiantance between them.

Mr. Das: "Your Honour, we do not deny our acqaintance. Savarkar has given his explanation as to why Nathuram and Apte used to write to him They were workers of the Hindu Mahasabha and Savarkar was President It was but natural for workers to take instructions and seek guidance from the President of the Hindu Mahasabha. But the correspondence ceased as soon as Savarkar retired from political life Therefore there is no documentary evidence against Savarkar."

SAVARKAR'S LOAN TO GODSE

Referring to the loan of Rs. 15,000 advanced by Savarkar to Nathuram Godse and Apte for conducting the newspaper 'Agrani', Mr. Das said the money was given not because that it was a concern of Nathuram Godse and Apte but it was a concern of Hindu Mahasabha. Savarkar had given money to other newspapers also.

Mr. Das then took up the evidence of approver Badge and said that the admission of Badge showed that firstly when independence was achieved by India, Savarkar was anxious to co-operate with the Nehru Government and must have given permission to Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookherjee to accept a seat in the Nehru Cabinet; secondly, Savarkar flew the National Flag of India on his house on the Independence Day against the resolution of the Provincial Hindu Mahasabha and this was bitterly resented by Nathuram Godse, Apte and Karkare and thirdly, that Nathuram Godse and Apte were persons of independent thought and did not hesitate to criticise either Savarkar or the policy of the Hindu Mahasabha.

That showed, Mr. Das added, that Nathuram Godse and Apte were not tools in the hands of Savarkar. It was against the background of those admissions by Badge that he would ask the Court to view the evidence against Savarkar.

GODSE'S VISIT TO SAVARKAR

Referring to the visit of Nathuram Godse, Apte and Badge to "Savarkar Sadan" on January 14, Mr. Das said that Badge had stated that on reaching Savarkar Sadan Apte asked him to wait outside and Nathuram Godse and Apte went up and returned five minutes later. If that evidence was true, Mr. Das submitted, then all that it proved was that Nathuram Godse and Apte had visited Savarkar Sadan on January 14, but there was no suggestion that they visited Savarkar. There were other persons living in Savarkar Sadan. They might have gone to see them. Nathuram Godse and Apte had denied that they visited Savarkar and besides there was no corroboration of the story.

Mr. Das argued that the evidence as to what Savarkar was said to have told Nathuram Godse and Apte was inadmissiable. Even if it was admissible, no weight should be attached to the evidence. Apte might have utilised the name of Savarkar to induce Badge to join the conspiracy and if evidence of this nature was admissible, no one was safe.

Badge had stated in his evidence that Nathuram Godse Apte and himself went to Savarkar Sadan in a taxi to have 'darshan' of Savarakr Apte asked him to wait on the ground floor and Godse and Apte went up and returned after five or ten minutes. Godse and Apte as they came down were followed by Savarkar who said 'be successful and come'. Apte stated in the taxi that Tatyarao had predicted that Gandhiji's hundred years were over and Apte had said that they would be successfully finished. The taxi driver, Mr. Das said, had not corroborated that evidence.

Both Godse and Apte and also Savarkar had denied that Godse and Apte had visited Savarkar Sadan on January 17. The taxi driver was definite that they returned after five minutes. Mr. Das submitted that it was obvious that they could not possibly have return in five minutes. Assuming that they did visit Savarkar Sadan, the question was what did they discuss for five or ten minutes. Badge was an outsider and he was kept outside. Hyderabad was a burning topic of the day and it was probable that they had discussed Hyderabad affairs. Another important matter in which they were all concerned was to put their newspaper on a sound footing and it might well be that they discussed that matter with Savarkar.

All the circumstances suggested, Mr. Das went on, that is if they did visit Savarkar that day, the conversation must have been either about Hyderabad or about raising funds for the paper. There was no evidence that Savarkar had any malice against Mahatma Gandhiji. There was no evidence that Apte or Godse ever visited Savarkar throughout the years 1947-48. There was not even any correspondence between them in 1947-48, was it likely in the absence of any evidence, Mr. Das asked, that they would go to Savarkar and say that they were going to kill Mahatma Gandhi and ask Savarkar's blessings? It was impossible. Mr. Das submitted that the [illegible] rejected in toto.

Badge, in his evidence, had stated that Apte had said in the taxi that Savarkar had predicted that Gandhiji's hundred years were over. Considering Savarkar's relations with Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. Das said, it was unbelievable that Savarkar would have said so. He contended that hearsay evidence and this was hearsay evidence was inadmissible.

Mr. Das referred to the evidence of Prof Jain and submitted that there was no word of conspiracy in his statement. He only said that Savarkar had commended the exploits of Madanlal at Ahmednagar which were, the attack on Rao Sahib Patwardhan, the formation of volunteer corps and the collections of arms.

prof Jain did not say that Madanlal had told him that Savarkar was a party to the conspiracy. It was clear from the evidence of prof Jain that Madanlal had not said that Savarkar had patted him on his back because of forming a party to murder Mahata Gandhi. Of course, Savarkar did not accept story of pattting Madanlal at all and Madanlal had also denied it.

As regards Angadsingh, Mr. Das went on, he had deposed that prof jain had told him that Vir Savarkar was bethind the party to kill Mahatma Gandhi but prof Jain himself did not mention this fact in his evidence. Hence evidence of Angadsingh should be rejetcted.

Similarly Mr. Morarji Desai, Minister of Bombay, did not touch Savarkar so far as the conspiracy to murder Mahatma Gandhi was concerned. His evidence did not in any way connect Savarkar with the conspiracy.

APPROVER'S EVIDENCE CONTRADICTED

Summing up his arguments, Mr. Das said that he had shown that in all important matters, the evidence of the approver had broken down the evidence of the making over the bag containing weapons to Madanlal at the house of Dixit Maharaj and the instructions given to Madanlal to tie up the bag in his bedding had not been corroborated by Dixit Maharaj, although it was the prosecution evidence that Dixit Maharaj was present with them.

So far as the evidence as to the precise agreement between the accused persons on Jan. 20 in room No. 40 of Marina Hotel was concerned, the events which actually happened did not only not corroborate the evidence of the approver but actually contradicted that evidence.

Mr. Das added that even if the Court accepted the evidence of Vasant Joshi as to what took place at Thana on Jan. 25, that evidence could not possibly lead to the conclusion that there was a conspiracy to murder Gandhiji He, therefore, submitted that every benefit of doubt must be given to the accused persons.

SAVARKAR THE PATRIOT

Referring to Savarkar, Mr. Das said that it was true that he did not agree with Gandhiji and built up a mighty organisation in opposition to the Congress and spread his ideology, but immediately independence was achieved this great warrior in his country's cause said that Nehru's Government must be supported.

On the greatest day in the history of India, August 15, 1947, he flew the flag of the Dominion of India against the resolution of the Hindu Mahasabha and incurred the displeasure of men like Nathuram Godse and Apte.

He had written numerous books and delivered numerous speeches but the prosecution had not produced any evidence from his writings to show that at any time he had the slightest malice against Gandhiji.

"Your honour is bound to ask the question: Was he like to join a conspiracy of this nature? Did he not know that the shot which killed Gandhiji would also kill the organisation which he had helped to usher into manhood?" It was inconceivable Mr. Das added, that he would have joined a conspiracy of this nature.

VERDICT THAT SAVARKAR EXPECTS

He had no doubt as to what the court's verdict would be as regards Savarkar and he submitted that a mere verdict of not guilty would not satisfy Savarkar. He was entitled to a verdict that he leaves ..the Court without a stain on his character.

BANNERJI'S ARGUMENT

The court then called upon Mr. B N. Banerji, counsel for Madanlal Pahwa to argue his case.

Mr. Banerji at the outset said that the court should have taken judicial notice of the speeches, writings and movements of Mahatma Gandhi. He said judicial notice should also be taken of the motive of the crime. The motive as made out by the prosecution lay in Mahatma Gandhi's fast by which he "coerced" the Government of India to reverse its decision in the matter of payment of Rs. 55 crores to Pakistan. But on the other hand the prosecution had not produced a "single shred of documentary evidence" to this effect.

Referring to the alleged lending of the pistol by Parchure Mr. Banerji said that as the law stood at present, the Gwalior Magistrate's written evidence could not be admissible. The Gwalior Magistrate was functioning as a Magistrate under the Gwalior law. But this Court could not recognise his evidence unless his depositions were recorded orally. This was not done by the prosecution.

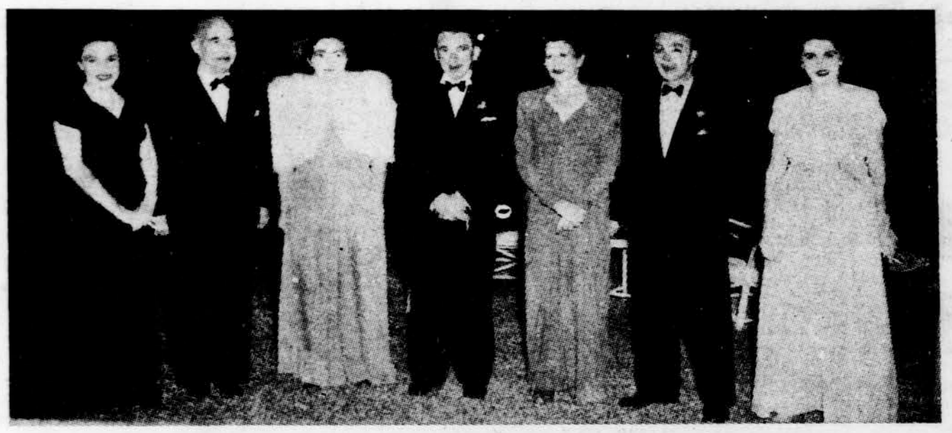
Mr. Banerji further pointed out that Prof. Jain's statement also did not establish beyond reasonable doubt whether Madanlal saw him actually in December 1947.

Mr. Banerji had not concluded his arguments when the Court rose for the day.

Poona Civic Reception To Rajaji

POONA, Dec. 21 (UPI): The Poona City Municipality proposes to give civic reception to H. E. Shri C Rajagopalachariar, the Governor-General of India when he visits Poona next month. A special meeting of the general body of the Municipality has been convened on Thursday to consider this proposal.

KITSONS' PARTY TO SYMONS



Mr. A. C. B. Symon, Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Delhi was the guest of honour at a party given by Mr. G. V. Kitson, Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay. (Left to Right) Mrs. L. A. C. Fry. Mr. G. V. Kitson, Mrs. A. C. B. Symon, Mr. Symon and Mrs. G. V. Kitson.

Princess Elizabeth (holding Prince Charles) with the Duke of Edinburgh photographed in Buckingham Palace after the Christening Ceremony.

U. S. Democracy

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (UPI): For having "at least one eighth Negro blood", a White man has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment in Mississipi for the "crime" of marrying a White woman.

State law in America forbids marriages between White persons and those with one eighth or more Negro or Mongolian blood.The prosecution alieged that the White man's grandmother was coloured and produced a witness to give evidence that this grand-mother was known as Negro.

The accused, who served in the U.S. Navy during the war as a White man, has lodged an appeal against the sentence.

31 KILLED IN CHINESE AIR CRASH

HONGKONG, Dec. 20 (Reuter): 31 bodies were picked up after a Chinese skymaster airliner crashed in flames on Basalt Island, 40 miles north-east of Hongkong this afternoon, local water police told reuter.

An official report said there was no evidence of any survivors.

The plane, belonging to the Chinese National Aviation Corporation, was one of three which left Shanghai this morning carrying evacuees, fleeing from what was generally considered a doomed city as Communists advanced nearer the Yangtse river.

Two more bodies were still believed hidden in the wreckage for the plane was assumed to be carrying 33, including seven crew.

The plane was piloted by an American, Captain Charles Sumby.

HELSINKI, Dec. 21, (Reuter): Russia has cancelled two-thirds of the fines owed her by Finland for late reparations deliveries.

17 Killed In Snowstorm

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—At least 17 died in the great snowstorm which struck New York and the New England states during the week-end.

Five people died in New York city five in New Jersey and seven in New England.

Six others deaths were reported from other parts of the country.

Of the city's two great airports one was reopened to traffic while the other, La Guardia, remained snowbound.

END OF ANGLO-U. S. ATOMIC MONOPOLY?

France Puts Her First Pile Into Operation

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 20.

With France putting her first atomic pile into operation comes the end of British, Canadian and American monopoly of atomic energy. This is the first nuclear furnace to be created outside the Anglo-American combination. The French pile is described as zero energy pile which means it produces power just enough to keep itself going. But this is the first essential step in manufacturing atom bombs.

The Ruhr Conference which has been holding protracted discussions for over a month is expected to end this week. It is believed that Britain and America at last yielded the French demand for the control of management of atomic energy.

The decision was due to the realisation that the present middle of road French Government might fall on the Ruhr issue and be replaced by De Gaulle unless details of compromise revealed a difficult forecast about its French reactions.

U. N. Headquarters Construction Bid Accepted

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 20.—While world-wide interest in U.N. affairs has been concentrated on Paris during the past few months, work and plans for the permanent U.N. headquarters in New York City hove been going foward steadily.

Construction plans, spurred by the U.S. dol. 65,000,000 interest-free loan with its dol. 25,000,000 advance, have proceeded to a point where a bid for construction work has been accepted. U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lie said Saturday that a contract would soon be awarded to four firms which submitted a joint bid for construction of the 39-story secretariat building and the foundations for the entire headquarters.

Foundation work is scheduled to begin early in January and estimates see the secretariat building for occupancy by late 1950. Also, final plans are now being drawn for the two remaining headquarters buildings—General Assembly and the meeting hall area. Excavation of the headquarters site which began last September is considerably ahead of scheduled.

TITO WOOS STALIN

MOSCOW Dec. 21 (Reuter): Marshal Stalin is 69 today.

One of the first to send birthday greetings was Marshal Tito, Yugoslav Premier expelled from the Soviet-led Cominform.

Revised Railway Pass Rules

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21: The Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) has reviewed the rules for the issue of passes to Railway servants in the light of the recent revision of travelling allowance rules for Government servants employed under other Ministries of the Government of India.

The following pay limits will determine the class of passes to which Railway servants are eligible from January 1, 1949, when the reclassification of passenger accommodation takes effect:—

Class of accommodation Class I Staff eligible (a) All Class I officers. (b) All Class II officers and Class III staff in receipt of pay exceeding Rs. 500 per mensem.

Class of accommodation Class II (a) Class II officers drawing Rs. 500 or less per mensem. (b) Class III staff drawing Rs. 500 or less per mensem but above Rs. 130 per mensem.

Class of accommodation Class III All other staff in receipt of pay of Rs. 130 per mensem or less.

TRAINING OF TECHNICIANS ABROAD

I. L. O. To Grant Scholarships To Asians

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20.

Mr. S. Lall, Labour Secretary, returned from the I.L.O. Conference yesterday. As a result of his efforts, the I.L.O. has agreed to bestow greater attention to Asian countries particularly in the matter of agriculture. It has been agreed to grant scholarships to Asians for industrial and agricultural training abroad. The I.L.O. will also persuade Western Governments to undertake training of Asian technicians.

NEHRU TO OPEN SCIENCE CONGRESS SESSION

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (API): The 26th session of the Indian Science Congress Association will be held at Allahabad from January 3 to 8 under the presidentship of Dr. Sir K. S Krishnan.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will open the session.

A large number of scientists from the UK Canada USA USSR, France and Afghanistan have also been invited to attend the session.

Pipri-Chopan Rail Survey

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 The Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) have sanctioned a reconnaissance survey being carried out by the agency of the E.I. Railway administration for a railway line on the broad gauge from Pipri to Chopan, a distance of about 25 miles.

The survey will be known as Pipri-Chopan Survey.

LABOUR MINISTERS TO MEET IN DELHI

MADRAS, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): A conference of labour Ministers of provinces and states will, it is learnt, be held at Delhi on January 5, 6 and 7.

The Conference will consider matters of interest to labour, with particular reference to amendments to the Trade Union Act and the Industrial Disputes Act. The conference will also consider the machinery to be established in provinces and states for the enforcement of the Minimum Wages Act.

Siamese Rice For Cochin And Travancore

MADRAS, Dec. 21 (API): The S.S. "Henmacdhui" arrived at the Cochin Harbour on December 17 with 3,382 tons of Siam rice. Out of this Travancore has been allotted 1982 tons and the Cochin State 1,400 tons.

The S.S. "Nirvo," which arrived at Cochin on December 18 has brought about 7,000 tons of rice from Siam, of which 5,000 tons have been allotted to the Travancore Government and 2,000 tons to the Cochin Government.

The S.S "Varela," carrying 1,005 tons of rice from Burma, arrived at Madras on December 18. 755 tons of this have been allotted to the Madras Province and 250 tons to the Mysore Government.

BARODA.—With a view to implementing the scheme of prohibition and making it successful by securing public co-operation, the Government have appointed a Central prohibition Board under the presidentship of Mr. Chunilal B. Shah, the Honible Labour and Rural Reconstruction Member, with 14 non-official and 3 official, members

MUTT AND JEFF—Take This Up With The United Nations Peace Council

By BUD FISHER

TONY, YOU SEEM VERY HAPPY TODAY!
SURE THING, MUTT! TODAY IS LITTLE TONY'S BIRTHDAY!
ALL READY, MY TONY! COME ON!
YES, PAPA!
HEY! THIS KID AIN'T GONNA SHAVE ME! NIX!
AW, MUTT, BE A GOOD SPORT!
-LETTA HEEM HAVE A LITTLE FUN ON HEES BIRTHDAY!
Fisher

"RESTORE CIVIL LIBERTIES IN DIAN"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (UPI): A resolution urging immediate nationalisation of all basic industries and liquidation of landlordism in India, was adopted last Sunday at a conference of Indians in Great Britain which was held under the auspices of the Swaraj House, London.

The resolution expressed deep concern at the development of certain political and economic trends in India since the transfer of power, which it emphasised, if not checked at this stage, would frustrate the essential purposes of national freedom. Among others, it mentioned deterioration of economic conditions and the consequent increase in the burdens on the common people, failure of the Government to initiate a policy of agrarian reform and speedy industrial development, retention of the princely order under a new nomenclature, suppression of civil liberties, arrest of trade union, peasant and student workers, denial of the freedom of the Press, and failure of the Government to give any practical help to teh national liberation movement in South East Asia.

The resolution, therefore, called upon the Government of India to immediately restore civil liberties, set free all political prisoners, detenus, abrogate all ordinances and anti-labour laws and give their unqualified support to the anti-imperialist movements in Asia and Africa.

Copies of the resolution have been sent to the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, Congress President, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and other leaders of India.

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IMPORTANCE OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

Government Urged To Give Specialised Attention

We can do without jute even without cement or steel but I doubt whether anyone can do without the use of chemical and medicines in some form or the other, observed Mr. B. Maitra, presiding over the ninth annual general meeting of Indian Chemical Manufacturers Association held on Wednesday in Calcutta.

Mr. B. Maitra traced the development of chemical and pharmaceutical industries in India and urged upon the Government to give a more specialised attention to the growth of the chemical industries in this country which had so far not received sufficient attention at the hands of the Government. Mr. Maitra emphasised the importance of chemical industries in the national life of the country. These industries require to be dealt with by our Government in a somewhat specialised manner, as their problems are in many cases quite different from other industries. It is a matter of regret that this fact has so far not been fully appreciated by our Government and we hear so rarely of chemical industries in Government Communiques." Mr. Maitra went on to say that the entire economy of the great Western countries had been built up to no small extent on their production and progress of chemical industries and development of chemical science. Mr. Maitra further launched an emphatic protest with the Government on the present policy of the Government of India to allow unrestricted imports of chemical and drugs manufactured by the industry. He stated that almost all foreign countries in the past had developed their industries by restricting imports of competing commodities and there was no justification as to why India should be made an exception to this rule particularly when the industries are yet in their infant stage. Mr. Maitra felt that such a policy would strike a heavy blow to the growth of chemical industries in this country which had been developed under difficult conditions and particularly when it was essential that chemical industries being of strategic importance had to be maintained at all costs. As regards the export trade in chemicals and drugs, Mr. Maitra referred to various restrictions which prevented exports of several items manufactured in India sometimes on the pretext that the Manufacturers were using imported raw materials. Mr. Maitra pointed out that there was hardly any country in the world which was self-sufficient in all the raw materials consumed by its various industries. Countries like Great Britain had built their entire export trade on imported raw materials. He also referred to restrictions on exports of drugs and chemicals to Pakistan which was affecting chemical industries in India who were likely to lose an important market. Mr. Maitra urged upon the Government to have a more realisitc approach to this question and to push up India's exports to these areas to maintain her ancient markets.

SLOW PROGRESS

Mr. Maitra also surveyed the rapid development of chemical industries in Great Britain and United States during the post war period and regretted that the progress of chemical industries in India had been comparatively slow. Mr. Maitra referred to the Damodar Valley and Hirakund Dam Projects of the Government of India which have immense potentialities and provided great scope for the numerous industrial units of different types and to exploit country's hidden wealth coal, iron ore, bauxite, mica and laterite, etc. for the manufacture of various chemicals. Mr. Maitra urged upon the Government to be careful in their decisions relating to the postponement of development schemes that are unproductive. He pointed out that in the chemical industry there are certain lines of manufacture which require Government help, for their development and may not be productive for some years to come, but the postponement of such schemes of development would not be in national interests. Mr. Maitra particularly referred to the establishment on a very big scale of a coal tar distillation plants for the recovery of the whole of the products from the distillate and employment of those for the production for some of the important chemicals and dyes. Mr. Maitra observed that if the Government only helped to establish this industry and synthetic phenol and formaldehyde for plastic industries during the next year it would be a great achievement. Mr. Maitra also emphasised the need of the immediate development of Barrium salts, Lithophone etc., the manufacture of chemical and alcohol by fermentation process and the development of laboratory chemical industries in India.

Mr. Maitra also invited the attention of the Government to the transport bottleneck, particularly in respect of the movement of drugs and chemicals and also strongly criticised the policy of the railway administrations in increasing the railway freights on the movement of essential raw materials and finished products of the chemical industries which were bound to add to the cost of production as transport played an important part in the final cost of the product of the chemical industry and this was likely to affect a large range of other industries using chemicals as raw materials. On the question of anti-inflationary policy of the Government, Mr. Maitra while appreciating the announcement made by the Government with regard to their industrial policy as also their anti-inflationary measures observed that with a view to ensuring capital to play its proper part in the economic development of the country, the Government must offer them the incentive to invest their surplus funds in productive undertakings.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGES

NEW YORK, Dec. 20

American Telegraph and Telegraph	150
Amerex Holding Co.	22-1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	32-7/8
Chase National Bank	34-1/8
Sinclair Oil	22,1/2
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	44-3/4
General Electric Co.	39-1/8
General Motors	58-3/4
Ingersol Rand	62-1/2 bid
International Nickel	29-7/8
National City Bank of New York	30-1/8
New York Central Rail Road Co.	12-1/2 Exdiv.
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-7/8
Texas Corporation	54-1/2
Union Carbide	40-3/4
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	42-1/2
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	71
Western Union Telegraph	15-3/8

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver 70 cents

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Silver Spot and Forward	42-1/2d.
Gold bars fine per oz.	8/12/3

Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 21

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Ahmedabad Share Market Strong Undertone

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21.

Market opened easy. With two strong inquiry of the bulls and the bear covering, market pushed up and closed with a strong undertone.

FLUCTUATIONS: Calico Opened 1207, Lowest 1206, Highest 1220. Arvind Opened 1470, Highest 1480. Ambica Opened 385, Highest 389. Deffered Opened 1647, Highest 1687.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS: Calico 1218, Arvind 1474, Ambica 388, Deffered 1686, Anant 24, Ahj Cotton 805, Vijay 852/8, New National 402/8, New Shorrok 675, Girdhar Hariwallabh 225, Vivekanand 223/12, New Cotton 412/8, Shorok 587, Atuj 43/8, Malatlal Fine 1630, Ramkrishna 251/4.

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Dec. 21.

Rajkot Silver Mana 173/5/0, Rajkot Sugar Mana 78/10/0, Rajkot Arinda January 131/10/0, Jannagar Silver Posh 174/13/0, Jamnagar Aranda January 132/0/0.

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, Dec. 21.

Following are today's closing quotations:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Government of India Three per cent Paper 99-10, Three per cent 1986 99/3, Three per cent 1970/75 100, Government of Madras 3 per cent 1960 101.

BANKS: Travancore 19.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Travancore 9/4, Ditto Pref. 9/8.

PLANTINGS: Blue Mountain 2/4, Chembras 4/7, Devanhola 18/12, Midlands 5/7, Nellianpathays 1/7, Ouchterlony 5/5, Periakaramalai 21/12 Pullimgodes 1/3, Thirumbadi 2/7/6, T. R. and T. Co. 6/12/6.

TEXTILES: Buckinghams 167, Cambodias 9/4, Coimbatore C. M. 101, Coimbatore Pioneer 105, Coimbatore Spgs. 46/12, Lakhsmi 65/8, Maduras 43/4, Metturs 315, Radhakrishnas 138/8, Rajalakshmis 54, Ranga Vilas 44, Trav. Rayons 4/14, Trichinopolys 11/8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cements 64, A Facts 5/3, Mettur Chem 8—(A. P. I.)

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Dec. 21.

Cotton Ready Sind NT 85, Punjab 289, F 93, Four F 75, New Crop NT Roller January Delivery 83/8 to 84, Sawgin 88/8 to 89. Market easy on account of slow demand.

Yesterday's business totalled about 2,796 bales, Arrivals from upcountry 1,888 bales, Exports nil.

Cottonseed NT Ready 7/12, Do. New Crop 8/8, Desi 11/8, Rapeseed 204. Market quiet but steady with moderate demand.

Yesterday's arrivals from upcountry 12,974 mds, Exports totalled 19,053 bags for Navalakhi, Porbunder, Bombay and Cochin.

Gold Tejabi 103/12, Sovereigns 67/1x, Silver Coins 119. Market steady with moderate demand.

STOCK EXCHANGE: Quotations unchanged.

Cutch Hundis

(From Our Correspondent.)

BUJ, Dec. 21.

Hundi Buying	312
Hundi Selling	313
Gold	Ks. 107-0
Silver	Rs. 172-0

Wholesale Price Index

NEW DELHI Dec. 21. (A. P. I.): Wholesale prices, as measured by the official index of wholesale prices in India (base year ended August 1939-100), showed only a nominal rise of 0.1 per cent to 382.2 during November 1948 as compared with the previous month. Index numbers for the groups 'food articles' 'industrial raw materials' and semi-manufactures' increased by 0.3, 1.1 and 0.2 per cent to 394.1, 440.3 and 340.9 respectively, while the index for 'manfactured Articles' declined by 0.5 per cent to 346.0. The index for the 'miscellaneous' group showed no change.

Hyderabad Cotton Control

FORMULATED IN CONFORMITY WITH ALL—INDIA POLICY

HYDERABAD (Dn), Dec. 20: The general principles on which cotton control will bee operated in the State, in conformity with the All-India policy, were agreed upon at a meeting of various cotton buyers in the State held during the week-end at the office of the Textile Commissioner, it is stated here.

It was generally agreed that all buyers of cotton will be licensed by the Textile Commissioner and these licensees will form a Cotton Buyers Association. All those who were buying cotton during the years 1942 to 1947 and their successors in business will be licensed. Active cotton price control and transport control will operate only in those zones where the licensed buyers make a written request to the Textile Commissioner and the State has been demarcated into a number of zones.

Eact region will have its own committee and regional committees will be entitled to certify the eligibility for membership, to fix ceiling prices of kapas and loose cotton and fully pressed bales whenever necessary, and to issue transport permits allotted by the Commissioner when the system of transport permits comes into force.

The chief Marketing Officer who will look after the interests of the producer can appeal to the Commissioner where he considers any ceiling price fixed by the Regional Committee to be too low and on the basis of samples and after consultation with representatives of the Buyers Association and the Chief Marketing Officer, the Commissioner may revise the ceiling price if necessary.

Calcutta Share Market Steady

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

The market ruled steady and a fair business was put through. Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent loan 1986 00/6 three per cent loan 1951/54 101/4 three per cent loan 1957 101/3 s lot three per cent loan 1963/65 100/2 sl three per cent loan 1953/55 101/11 three per cent loan 1959/61 100/14 three per cent loan 1970/75 100/2 s lot.

BANKS: Hind Bank 31/8 Hindustan Mercantile Bank 21 s lot United Commercial Bank 61/8 s lot.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 10/13 Cumdiv Elgin Mills 17/3

COALS: Amalgamated 24/13 Bengal 432 Burrakur 24/9 Samla Colliery 6/8 New Beerbhoom 15/10 South Karanpura 28/6 Talcher 4/5.

JUTES: Anglo-India Pref 156 Champdany 198.

MININGS: Burma Corpn 3/2 Indian Copper 2/6.

MISCELLANEOUS: Calcutta Electric 21/12 Steel Corpn 21/1 Textile Machinery 7/6 New Asiatic Insurance 5/9 Ruby General Insurance 8/12 Angelo Brothers 20/1 Balmer Lawrie 336 Ct British Ceylon Corpn 11/1 B I Corpn 8/5 Indian Cables 40/2 Indian National Airways 6/10 Odd lot Indo-Burma Petroleum Pref 85/8 Shree Gopal Paper 11.

SUGARS: Carew and Co. 10/8 Dyer Meakin Brewery 9.

TEAS: Banarhat 352 s lot Dhelakhat 12/4 Gungaram 255 s. l.

Hapur Market

HAPUR, Dec. 21.

Wheat 29 to 27 Gram 14/8 Barley 16 Bajhar 13/12 Maize 16/8 Bajra 16/6 Juwar 15 Guwar 13/2 Matar 13 Arhar 14 Urd 18/8 Moong 20/8 Masoor 15/4 to 16/8 Gur New 12/4 Old 8/8 Shakkar 13 Crystal 37/8 Khandsare 24 to 30 Fagan Future 10/4/9 Opened 10/5/6 Touched 10/6/3 Sarson 25/8 Taraseed 19/8 to 21 Oil 65 Oilcake 8/2 Cottonseed 14 Groundnut 13/8 Oats 10 Bardana Ready 120 January 129 Chet 113 April 126 Silver Forward 163/12 Gold 111 Urd Maha 18/3.

Hessian Market

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

	Pies.		
45X11, Ready	113-1/4		
Oct.-Dec.	113-3/4		
Jan.-March	115		
D W. 40X28, Ready	130	8	0
Oct.-Dec	127	8	0
Jan.-March	123	8	0

Henry A. P. Fisher, 30-year-old son of the Archbishop of Canterbury is seen with his 26-year-old fiancee, Miss Felicity Sutton, a Chelsean artist.

WIDENING SPHERE OF TRADE UNION ACTIVITY

New Problems, New Responsibilities

By HERBERT TRACEY, Member of the Trades Union Congress and Editor of "Labour", the official journal of the British T.U.C.

Responsible leaders of British trade unionism are beginning to tread firmly in a sphere which the preceding generation of trade union officials would have declined to enter. Through the T.U.C. General Council they are confronting affiliated unions with obligations in relation to the conduct of industry that the rank and file trades unionists have felt—and many still feel—to be contradictory of the aims and purposes of the trade union organisation.

In a word, members of the trade unions are being told by their leaders that a union does not exist simply to get more wages, shorter working hours and better conditions for them — it is the union's responsibility, too, they are being told, to see that the industry is so efficiently organised that their labour is not wasted or misapplied, with consequent loss to the country as a whole.

Union-management co-operation, in fact, is now a settled policy of the British Trades Union Congress. It is being applied vigorously for the achievement of a practical end in the productivity campaign now under way in British industry.

AN INNOVATION

The organisation of the productivity campaign is itself an innovation in trade union policy. In the past it was very much the exception rather than the rule for the executives of the unions to consider that they were concerned in any way with production as such. They regarded production as a job for "the bosses". Efficient methods of production they left to the management.

Until now it was an entire novelty for an executive committee of any union to place on its agenda an item of business calculated to stimulate discussion on "How can the union increase the productivity of industry, and at the same time reduce working costs?"

Because the unions have not felt it to be their business to concern themselves with managerial matters except in so far as they may affect working conditions or the wages of workers in the shops, information has been lacking in the hands of the T.U.C. as to the real causes when production has been low. The existence of bottlenecks in materials or components, defective planning and layout of workshops, inadequate supplies of machine tools and deficiencies in the mechanical equipment of plant—all these questions ave remained largely outside the scope of trade union interests.

Under the vigorous guidance of the T.U.C. General Council, the unions today are being called upon to consider many functions of management as lying within their own sphere of responsibility. The old notion of an inescapable conflict of interest in industry between employers and workers is passing. The Marxist dogma of class war has not, indeed, markedly influenced the mentality of British trade unionists. It is becoming much less persuasive as a point of propaganda now that the country has entered upon a reconstruction of national economy on the basis or public enterprise and disinterested management.

SECTIONAL CONFERENCES

This changing attitude of the trade unions to the problems of management and industry's efficiency has made necessary a new approach to the unions concerned with increasing production, especially in the export trades. It is necesary to discuss in a more intimate way than a national conference of union executives can discuss the steps that must be taken to increase industry's productivity. The T.U.C. General Council is, therefore, arranging a series of conferences with the Federations of Trade Unions and groups of unions concerned with particular industries, on a regional basis.

The first of these conferences has now been arranged. Representatives of the engineering section of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions are to meet leading members of the T.U.C. General Council, along with the General Secretaries of the unions concerned.

One item on the agenda of this first sectional conference — which is to be followed immediately by others on a similar basis — is to consider the measures that can be taken by these unions to inform their members in the workshop more fully of the existing conditions of economic crisis, and of the plans that have been framed to meet it. The conference will then consider what steps are possible to begin a better system of training shop stewards for their new duties and responsibilities in connection with productivity programmes. Attention is also to be given to the speeding up of the machinery of Joint Production Committees.

RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES

Union representatives in these regional conferences will not evade questions of restrictive practice, whether those of the unions themselves or of managements. It is recognised by trade union leaders today that there are trade union demacration practices which act as a deterrent to efficient production.

The General Council itself does not propose to examine these practices in detail: but it will urge the unions, through their Federations, to do so.

Another proposal upon which these regional conferences will be asked to take action is to make arrangements whereby knowledge of the best practices in the most efficient workshops will be spread over the widest possible field. This involves an interchange of visits between managements, technicians and workers in plants operating in the same industry or section of industry.

Calicut Market

CALICUT, Dec. 21.

Coiryarn Beypore 135/145 Quilandy 145/155 Fibre Garbled 105 Ungarbled 95 Cocoanuts Raw 140 Dry 137/8 Cocoanutoil 595 Copra Office 407/8 Dilpasand 412/8 Madrasnottam 425 Pepper Wynaad 1300 Country 1275 Dryginger Chernad 470 Ernad 420 Coffee Robusta 142/8 Timber Pali 60/75 Junglewood 3035 Vellarpine 50/70 Benteak 30/45 Teak 70/120 Mango 3/4/3/12 Teak 15/20 Rosewood 15/20.

U. S. Decrees Economic Stabilization Programme For Japan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20: The United States announced Friday that it has asked General MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan, to direct the Japanese Government to carry out an effective program of economic stabilization.

A joint statement by the U. S. State Department and the Army said that General MacArthur will direct the Japanese Government to implement the nine-point program "as rapidly as possible" to insure continuation of economic recovery and full use of U. S. funds.

The program calls for achieving a balanced budget by cutting Government expenditures and increasing revenues, improved tax collection, limits on credit expansion and effective wage and price controls. It also includes measures to stimulate the use of indigenous Japanese materials and to increase production.

In general, it is in line with U. S. efforts in other parts of the world to contribute to general economic recovery, with many of the measures called for already undertaken by the recipients of U. S. aid under the Economic Co-operation Act of 1948.

It is substantially the same as a program urged upon the Japanese by MacArthur last July. This program was not put into effect, State Department spokesmen pointed out Friday, because Japanese leaders were reluctant to push it for political reasons.

The directive to MacArthur, which is largely administrative and derived from basic policies already adopted for Japan, was sent Friday and has been made available in substance to the other 10 members of the Far Eastern Commission.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21

Previous Closing	32.10
Today's Opening	32.09
Difference	—1
Today's Closing	32.18
Difference	+8

LAST QUOTATIONS.

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

	Rs.	As.
Silver Bullion Ready	181	0
Gold Ready	113	0
Sovereign	74	4
EXPECTATION:		
Cotton Jarila Feb.	620	0

NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

New York Stock Exchange opening price:—

Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 32-7/8.
General Motors dol. 58-7/8.
United States Steel Common dol. 71.
United States Steel Preference unquoted.—(Reuter).

AERONAUTICAL PROGRESS IN WEST

"Turbo-Prop" Engines To Replace Piston Variety, Says J. R. D. Tata

BOMBAY, Dec. 21, (API): The progress of Aeronautical development in the West, particularly after the introduction of jet propulsion, was discussed in an interview with the A.P.I. by Mr. J.R.D. Tata, chairman of the Air India International, who has returned to India after a visit to London, Paris and Brussels.

Mr. Tata, among his other engagements, attended the Annual General Assembly of the International Air Transport Association at Brussels. Himself a qualified pilot he made his first solo flight in a jet propelled aircraft this year.

Asked about possible repercussions of jet propulsion on civil flying, Mr. Tata said, "It is unlikely that jet-propelled civil transport planes will be used either in India or in any other country in regular transport operations for some years, although considerable technical progress is being made in that field." Apart from experimental types, no jet transport planes have yet been made, Mr. Tata added.

No decisions calculated specially to affect Indian air services were reached at the International Air Transport Conference, Mr. Tata continued, but that body's work would have continuous beneficial repercussions on the development of Indian Air Transport, as on that of other countries.

"TURBO-PROP" ENGINES

"Side by side with the development of purely jet propelled planes, I.E., driven by "torbo-jet engines, rapid progress is being made in the development of planes driven by "turbo-prop" engines, I.E. of a type similar to those of jet engines, but driving propellers. Owing to their greatest economy in fuel consumption and greater range, it is not unlikely that "turbo-prop" engines will replace piston engines in the air transport field in India before pure jet engines become economically practicable for transport operations. On the other hand, pure jet propulsion already holds the field in all new military aircraft, and particularly in fighters and short range bombers."

Mr. Tata who is an honorary group captain in the R.I.A.F. said "I am not competent to state what the R.I.A.F. plans are in this respect.

Italian Art Silk

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

	Rs.	As.
150 D. Dec.	3	15 0
150 D. Jan.	3	14 0
120 D. Ready	3	10 0
150 D. Ready	3	15 0

Sales Of Treasury Bills

During the week ended the 17th December, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 6,96,75,000, were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

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Business MAN'S DIARY

LAND IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The Government of Bombay has taken a correct step to subsidize the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank Limited for financing land improvement schemes. The Government offered to advance loans at rates varying between 3½ per cent and 4½ per cent but the land mortgage banks cannot make available loans to agriculturists at a rate less than 6 per cent. Hence the decision of the Government to subsidize the Bank for undertaking this type of finance to the extent of the difference on such loans calculated at 6 per cent This decision of the Government, which is in the right direction, will prove an eye-opener for development of Village Banking in this province of which there is urgent need.

ECONOMIC STABILISATION IN JAPAN

The Department of State and Army has announced that the Supreme Commander for Allied Powers will direct the Japanese Government to carry out an effective economic stabilisation calculated to achieve fiscal, monetary, price and wage stability in Japan as rapidly as possible as well as to maximise production for export. Economic stability is a most urgent requirement for assuring the continuation of Japan's economic recovery. The specific objectives of the programme include, achieving a true balance in the consolidated Budget, accelerating and strengthening tax collection, rigorously limiting credit, wage stability, improvement of foreign trade controls, increasing production to increase exports and improving efficiency of food collection. Thus Japan will be put on the same footing as European Recovery Programme Countries.

INCREASE IN SUGARCANE ACREAGE

According to the Director of Economics and Statistics, the first forecast of Sugarcane, 1948-49, of the Indian Union, including Hyderabad, estimates the area sown at 3,616,000 acres as compared with 34,66,000 acres in 1947-48 being an increase of 4.3 per cent. The condition of the crop is reported satisfactory.

DALAL STREET CHEERFUL

It appears that Dalal Street is preparing to end the year with cheerful feeling. There are signs of confidence returning and buyers are confidently looking to a steady rise in active shares. Of course, we may not see big jumps in view of budgetary uncertainty but there is a distinct change in the sentiment and some over-enthusiastic dealers look for the present improvement reaching at Rs. 1,750 level for Tata Steel Defds. As usual with rising tendency in market leaders other neglected scrips will join the upward move at a later stage. However, one should not forget that professional operators do not like the company of too many weak holders.

COTTON REACHES CEILING

At last on Tuesday February cotton reached the ceiling level of Rs. 620 at 4-18 P.M. and there was an end of official trading. Bulls managed to derive the maximum advantage but in doing so normal trading is stopped and now the declaration of existence of emergency will find favour.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

2 1/4 per cent 1954	98 12
2 1/4 per cent 1960	100 14
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97 2
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97 1
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99 10
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99 12
2 3/4 per cent 1975	98 0
3 per cent Non-Terminable	99 1
3 per cent 1986 Con.	99 3
3 per cent 1949-52	100 10
3 per cent 1951-54	101 4
3 per cent 1953-56	101 9
3 per cent 1957	101 6
3 per cent 1959-61	100 13
3 per cent 1963-65	100 3
3 per cent 1966-68	99 15
3 per cent 1970-75	100 0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	105 8
4 per cent 1948-53	109 4
4 per cent 1960-70	110 12
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	104 4
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	112 2
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68	115 12
PROVINCIAL LOANS	
2 3/4 per cent U P 1961	98 2
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	98 2
3 per cent Punjab 1948	98 14
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100 12
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100 12
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100 4
3 per cent U.P. 1952	100 5
3 per cent C P 1964	100 6
3 per cent N W P 1952	99 10
3 per cent U P 1961-66	100 0
4 per cent Bombay Municipality D.	111 0
5 per cent Bom Muni 1959	114 8
6 per cent Bom Muni 1954	114 8
3 1/4 per cent Municipality 1977	100 14
6 K. P. I.	114 0

U.S. 1949 WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST AT 964 808,000 BUSHELS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UPA): The Agriculture Department today forecast the United States 1949 winter wheat production at the near record of 964,808,000 bushels compared to the 990,098,000 bushels of 1948.

It said it estimated the seed acreage at 61,370,000 acres which was a new acreage record.

LONDON PEPPER PRICES

LONDON, Dec. 20 (UPA): The pepper market was more or less at a standstill as a result of the Dutch military operations in Indonesia with Singapore reporting that sellers had virtually withdrawn from the market.

Black pepper was quoted nominally at 3 sh. 8 1/2 d and white at 3 sh. 10 1/2 d.

Malabar, December-January London basis, was quoted at nominally at 340 shillings, and January-March at 312 shillings.

LONDON WHEAT.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Australian Wheat F. O. B. (Bulk) 90/3 Dec/Jan quoted

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

SHARP RISE IN STEEL SHARES ON ACTIVE COVERING AND BULL SUPPORT

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

Upward trend of price movement was continued further on the Bombay Stock Exchange today on moderate short covering and limited offerings Steels and Textiles showed fair improvement under the leadership of Tata Steel Defds. and Bombay Dyeings Banks were mostly steady while in the Miscellaneous section Constructions and Scindias were moderately active with small gains. The undertone of the market was very steady.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1650 and gradually improved to Rs. 1672-8 on short covering. At this level there was small profit-taking and Defds steadied at Rs. 1667-8. Ordinary shares in sympathy with Defds. were firm at Rs. 309-8. Bengal Steels and Indian Irons were steady at Rs. 20-14 and Rs. 24-11 respectively. Tata Steel 2nd Pref. shares were quoted at Rs. 135-8

In cotton mill shares, Bombay Dyeings sharply improved to Rs. 1012-8 after opening at Rs. 1003-12 on professional support. Central Indias were steady at Rs. 254. Finlays found buyers at Rs. 277 while Gokaks were done at Rs. 275-8. Indore Malways were quoted at Rs. 182-8. Kohinoors were rather more active around Rs 291. New Greats were placed at Rs. 168 after opening at Rs. 170. Simplex shares were done at Rs. 189 while Swadeshis were in demand at Rs. 291

Among Banks Centrals were offered at Rs. 84-8. Imperials old and Contributory were steady around Rs. 1750 and Rs. 435 respectively. Ahmedabad Electrics improved to Rs. 116-4. Tata Powers were done at Rs. 1512-8.

In the Miscellaneous section Associated Cements were steady at Rs. 153-12. Belapurs improved to Rs. 241-8 after opening at Rs. 239 Burmas (Old) were quiet around the opening level at Rs. 327-8. Premier Constructions and Scindias were very steady at Rs. 142-12 and Rs. 19-14-6 after quiet opening Alcocks came in business at Rs. 288-12. Bombay Steamers were done at Rs. 445 while Tata Chemicals found buyers at Rs. 13-3.

Towards the close there was active support in Tata Steel Defds and Bombay Dyeing which advanced to Rs. 1685 and Rs. 1015 respectively. Tata Ordinary constructions. Kohinoors and Scindias were also more active.

FORWARD SECTION

Bombay Dyeing (12-8)	1015 0
Kohinoor Mills (6)	293 8
Swadeshi Mills (22)	293 0
Central India Mills (4)	254 8
Simplex Mills (S)	188 8
New Great Eastern (10)	168 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	183 12
Gokak Mills (20) XD	277 0
Century Spinning (15)	240 0
Colaba Land and Mills (12)	147 0
India Bleaching (6)	159 0
Swan Mills (20)	322 0
Finlay Mills (1)	277 0
Morarji Goculdas (S)	505 0
Edward Sassoon (30) XR	246 4
Meyer (12)	131 4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3 1 6
India United Ord. (0-13-9)	12-1
India United Defd.	1 9
Madhusudan Mills (15)	205 0
Podar (S)	157 8
Khatau Makanji (8)	225 0
Indore Coupon	90 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord (14)	311 8
Tata Steel Defd (64-15-0)	1882 8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	135 12
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (5)	154 8
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	330 0
Belapur Sugar (12)	241 8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-4)	31 8
Scindia Steam (1-4)	20 0
Premier Construction	143 0
Tata Chemical	13 4
Tata Oil (2)	57 0
Indian Iron (0-12)	24 13
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	21 2
British India Corp. (0-10)	8-6-0
Wimco	272 8
Alcock	290 0
Belapur Coupon	61 8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	70 4
Phoenix Mills (50)	447 8
Indian Manufacturing XD	4350 0
Kooria Mills (S)	131 4
David Mills (6)	191 4
New City Mills (10)	187 8
Minerva Mills (12)	1217 8
Bradbury Mills (12)	587 8
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	5 0
Bharat Mills (2)	34 8
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	120 0
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	15 0
Model Mills (12-8) XD	180 0
Lakshmi Cotton (25) XD	617 8
Vishnu Cotton (8) XD	225 0
Western India (40)	4095 0
Standard Mills (15)	245 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3900 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	10 8
Hindustan Mills (40)	4290 0
Tata Mills (3)	61 8
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	270 0
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	13 1
Madhusudan B (2-8)	47 0
Srinivas Mills (S)	175 0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	100 0
Berar Mills	306 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
Colaba Land Coupon	42 0
New Great New	142 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Hydro (4 4 0)	158 8
Andhra Valley (45)	1447 8
Tata Power (50)	1517 8
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	116 4
Ahmedabad New	12 8
Surat Electricity (2-8)	142 8
Karachi Electric (2)	132 8
Broach (0-5)	10 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 2
Amalgamated (0-12)	12 3
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply, (S)	151 4
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	
Bombay Suburban New (2) XD	
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1760 0
Imperial Bank of India (8-12)	437 8
Central Bank Old (1-8)	86 0
Central Bank New (1-8)	83 0
Bank of India (4) XR	188 8
Union Bank of India (0-5)	8 6
Bank of Baroda	148 8
Habib Bank (4)	158 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	52 0
United Commercial (1-8)	62 4
Hindustan Commercial	26 12
Jaipur Bank (176)	37 0
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	29 8
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125) XD	4700 0
Empire (10)	676 0
New India (1-8)	58 0
Jupiter (1-4)	21 4
Vulcan (0-10)	11 15
Indian Mercantile (2)	39 8
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B I G (1)	19 8
Industrial and Prudential	29 8
Neptune Assurance	9 0
New Great	25 0
All-India General	17 8
RAILWAY SHARES	
Central Provinces (1-14)	110 8
Pachora Jamner Rly (2-8)	118 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Bombay Steamer (1)	445 0
Bombay Burma New (5)	118 12
Burma Petrol	1-8-6
Mackenzie (6)	92 4
Port Canning (3)	69 8
Kemp and Co (30)	442 8
Kemp and Co (New)	462 8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	88 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	32 8
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	21 0
Associated Cement New (1-4)	142 8
Supreme India XR	123 12
Jam Wire (6)	67 8
Bombay Uganda	69 0
Bombay Motor Cycle	39 8
Indian Cement (1937)	25 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	155 0
United Motor	74 0
Asociated Cement New (1-4)	143 12
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	1002 8
Hycary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	95 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbonic XD	750 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 0
Prince of Wales Press	619 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	190 0
Andhra Valley (7)	1255 0
Tata Power (7-8)	1320 0
Hydro Electric (7)	125 0
Bombay Steamer (6)	308 12
Central India (5)	632 8
Swadeshi Mills	128 12
Vishnu Mills (7)	632 8
Lakshmi Mills	277 8
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	117 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	325 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	132 8
Premier Construction 1st (6 1/4)	120 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	116 4
Amalgamated (5-8)	128 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	133 12
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	160 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	106 0
Morarji	104 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	106 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	112 0
India Copper (1-9)	2 7
British India Corp. (0-10) CR 8	8 10
Burma Corporation	3 4
New Victoria Mill	3 0
New Victoria Pref.	5 2
Phalton Sugar (8)	119 0
Gold Mohur (20)	320 0
New Kaiser-I-Hind	400 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	150 0
Osmanshari Mills (10) Nom.	280 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	330 0
Air Service XR	8 12
Ambica Air Lines	11 0
Air India (100)	118 12
Hind Motor	5 14 6
India Steam	10 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
India Copper (1-9)	2-5-6
Burma Corporation	3 2
New Victoria Mill	3 0
New Victoria Pref.	5 0
Phalton Sugar (8)	120 0
Gold Mohur (20)	280 0
New Kaiser-Hind	390 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	150 0
Osmanshahri Mills (10) Nom.	280 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	330 0
Air Service XR	8 8
Ambica Air Lines	10 0
Air India (100)	106 4
Hind Motor	5 11
India Steam	9 12

Indian Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

Tata Ordinary 311/8 Tata Deferred 168½/8 Indian Iron 24/13 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 21/2 Bombay Dyeing 1015 Central India 254/6 Gokak 277/7 Kohinoor 293/12 Simplex 188/8 Swadeshi 283/12 Hata Power 1517/8 Associated Cement 154/6 Belapur 241/4 Bombay Burma (Old) 330 Scindia 20 Central Bank 86 New India 58 Tata 2nd Pref. 135/10.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

The local cotton market was quietly steady today with restricted business. February delivery opened at Rs. 616/12 and after declining at Rs. 616/8 improved at Rs. 617/- on scattered buying.

Later on there was very little price movement owing to absence of business Later on there was persistent buying and when February reached As. 620 trading came to an end. After the close February wwas quoted at a premium of Re. 1. Final quotations at 4-30 p.m. were as under:

I.C.C	February	620	0 0
I.C.C.	May	615	8 0
I.C.C.	July	616	8 0
I.C.C.	September	616	0 0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

February Highest 617-1/2 Lowest 616-1/2 Closing 616-3/4

May Highest 613 Lowest 612 Closing 612

July Highest 614-1/2 Lowest 613 Closing 613-1/2

September Highest 613-1/2 Lowest 612 Closing 613

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

Indian Cotton February Contract is 834 cents below New York March at exchange rate 331

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

Forward business both in Gold and Silver came to a close as per Government instructions in the local bullion market.

Ready Silver business was reported at Rs. 180, while Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 112/12 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 73/12.

Final quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	Rs.—180 0
Ready Gold	112 6
Sovereigns	73 10

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 21

Early losses in Castorseeds were attributed to professional unloading by some operators, but later prices reacted on fair covering and renewed support from interested parties.

Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 131-10 and declined to Rs. 131-3 after improving at Rs 131-14 on professional selling. At this low level shorts came in to cover, and renewed support enabled prices to advance at Rs. 131-11 and steadied. Later on trading was restricted and prices moved within a narrow range. The market closed steady at Rs 131 9 0.

Groundnuts prices firmed upon persistent buying which met indifferent offerings while Linseeds were steady.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
	Khandesh quality	36	0 0
	Coromandal	35	8 0
	Bold ready	35	4 0
	Bold Dec-Jan.	34	6 0
	Bold Feb-March	34	3 0
CASTORSEEDS—			
	Ready	29	0 0
	May delivery	131	9 0
LINSEEDS—			
	Ready	27	10 0
	Feb-March	27	7 0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
	Ready Mills	20	6 0
	December	20	1 0
	January	19	12 0
	Linseed Oil	16	12 0
	Castorseed Oil first pressing	19	0 0
	Castorseed Oil Commercial quality	17	8 0
	Gingellyseed	225	to 230

Produce Receipts

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

Cotton Bales	9,555
Groundnuts	2,093
Linseeds	698
Cottonseeds	5,304
Manuas	422
Til	3,343
Castorseeds	154
Grams	1,614
Sugar Deshi Cwts.	3,495
Wheat	159,864

Sugar Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

Small	92 0 0
Medium	96 0 0
Big	
Extra Big	
Leo	33 0 0
Jan.	31 4 0
March	30 12 0
Arrivals Bags	3,105
Despatches Bags Approx	2,500
Total Stock Approx Bags	36,700

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 21

B. O. Rates I. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. O. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Mos.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Mos.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th-9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 1/32 7th-9th Month.

New York & Montreal B. O Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 320.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y Rs 328 3/4 Montreal Rs. 328 1/2.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y Rs 329 Montreal Rs 328 3/4 L/C.

Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7860.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 8060.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D Fl. 79

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D Fcs. 1305.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldn 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D Hg. 84.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 157.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 160 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.57-58.43; London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pia 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Fcs 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/3 1/16-1/2 15/16; London Iran Cross Rate Rl 128/130 London/Java Cross Rate Fl 99.80-100.20; London Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8.09-8.14, London/Montreal Cross Rate dols 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4 London/New York Cross Rate dol 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 1061—1063; London/Prague Cross Rate Kr. 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36; London/Syria Cross Rate 880-6.

London Discts. 3 Mos. 9/16 p.c.; London Discts. 6 Mos. 5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.—Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money: Call 1/2 p.c. 3 Mos. 3/4 p.c. 6 Mos. 1 p.c. 12 Mos. 1-1/2 p.c.

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Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

S.S. OAKLAND

From Oslo:- 89 bales mg bleached wood free poster paper, 3291 bales paper, 113 bales buff mainla paper, 200 bales bleached white poster paper, 153 bales writing paper, 3243 bales news print paper, 33 bales blue paper, 264 bales blue watch paper, 679 reels white news printing paper, 197 bales pure ribbed kraft paper, 85 bales port card boards, 155 bales bleached sulphide boards, 75 bales wrapping paper, 212 bales tissue paper, 53 bales wood free printing paper, 2243 reels news print, 109 bales bleached sulphide paper, 69 bales bleached acid free tissue paper, 39 bales cream laid glass, 120 cases steel tinweir rivets, 50 cases rose nails, 103 bales box of boards, 400 pkgs over issued unread news paper, 339 reels kraft paper.

From Antwerp: * 345 cases window glass, 120 cases steel tinnece rivets, 50 bags pearl barley, 1281 bags card boards, 49 bales paper, 140 cases unexposed film.

From Aden:—

60 nos. empty drums.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S.S. CALEDONIA

To Liverpool:—

74 bales raw wool—H. E. Dossa.

199 bales yellow pickings—M. Motilal.

249 bales raw wool—A. Phiroz and Co.

S.S. PARA

To Antwerp:—

165 bales raw cotton—J. Motiram and Co.

14 cases dried cowguts—Sd. Meyer.

To Rotterdam:—

110 bales raw cotton—J. Motiram.

S.S. FLYING CLIPPER

To Singapore:—

10 jottas cummin seeds—M. K. S. Nathan.

S.S. DARKA

To Kuwait:—

10 cases steel trunks—International Cash Bazar.

10 cases glassware—S. Mohamed

To Karachi:— 7 bales cotton waste N. Ahmed 5 cases porclain ware.— A. M. Ahmed. 10 cases cotton waste.— H. E. H. N. Miyaji. 8 cases gramphone records.—The Gramphone Co., Ltd. 100 cases glassware.—Miscellaneous Shipped.

To Karachi—165 bales cotton peicegood.—M. Chanderbhan & Co. 5 cases perus bobbins mill stares.—Delhi. Cloth General Mills Co., Ltd.

S.S. "NIYAM"

To Rangoon.—10 bags epson salt.—M. Gokaldas & Co.

S.S. "ARONDA"

To Mombassa.—10 bags cotton sewing threads.—K. Kanji.

S.S. "ITRIA"

To Portsaid.—57 cases rubber balons.—S. R. Ruken. 90 bdls cane sticks.—A. Elezel. 5 cases glassware.—S. A. Ahmed.

To London.—30 bdls tanned sheep skin.—Miscellaneous & Shippers.

S.S. "JALBALA"

To Karachi.—48 bdls bidi leaves.—Abdul Shakoor Osman & Sons.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRRIVALS

S. S. VIRGINIA MAY from Karachi with general cargo on Dec. 20

S. S. TALMA from Beira with general cargo on December 20.

DEPARTURES

S. S. DUNKIRK for Glasgow with general cargo on Dec. 21.

S. S. ATLANTIC BREEZE for Freemantle in Ballast on Dec. 20.

S. S. STANVAC for Abadan in Ballast on Dec 21

We give below the latest information regarding vessles due to arrive at and sail from Bombay under the agency of M-S Volkart Bros.:

DUE TO ARRIVE AT BOMBAY

FROM U. S. PACIFIC COAST: s.s. "LOMBOK" due 31st Dec., s.s "SARANGAN" due 19th Jan.

FROM U S. ATLANTIC COAST: s s "ROTTI" due 31st Dec., s.s. "HOEGH SILVERSTAR" due 11th Jan., s.s. "TJIPANAS" due 15th Jan.

FROM ROTTERDAM ANTWERP: s.s. "LEOPOLDSKERK" due 26th Dec., s.s. "KONGSBORG" due 7th Jan.

FROM PERSIAN GULF VIA KARACHI: s s. "LUTTERKERK" due 29th Dec.

FROM ALEXANDRIA: s.s. "STAR OF ALEXANDRIA" due 22nd Dec.

FROM FAR EAST: s.s. "ST. MERE EGLISE" due 24th Dec.

FROM ITALY: s s. "DUINO" due 31st Dec

DUE TO SAIL FROM BOMBAY

FOR CALCUTTA VIA COLOMBO: s.s. "STREEFKERK" sails 30th Dec., s.s. "LEOPOLDSKERK" sails 7th Jan., s.s. "ROTTI" sails 12th Jan., s.s. "DUINO" sails 15th Jan., s.s. "KONGSBORG" sails 20th Jan

FOR ITALY: s.s. "SPARTA" sails 22nd Dece.

FOR PERSIAN GULF VIA KARACHI: s.s. "HOEGH MERCHANT" sails 26th Dec., s.s. "LOMBOK" sails 14th Jan., s.s. "SARANGAN" sails 31st Jan.

FOR MEDITERRANEAN & NORTH CONTINENTAL PORTS: s.s "LUTTERKERK" sails 5th Jan.

FOR AUSTRALIA: s.s. "HOEGH SILVERSTAR" sails 20th Jan.

FOR MARSEILLES LE HAVRE: s.s "ST. MERE EGLISE" sails 30th Dec.

ENLARGEMENT OF SALES ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Wall Street Prices Move Within Narrow Range

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

COTTON: After opening losses due to fairly heavy accumulation of week-end hedges, especially in March and May, partially in connection with the recent enlargement of sales in spot cotton and possibly also some so-called Christmas selling prices, steadied on trade absorption and modest price fixing. Meanwhile buyers continue to be cautious reflecting anticipating increase in hedges on rallies. Prices sagged on increased hedges and liquidation meeting only scattering scaledown purchases.

The market steadied slightly before the close on local covering.

Cotton closed steady with sales estimated at 130,000.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

March	32.10—08
May	31.88—09 n
July	30.94—15
October	28.33—17
December	28.15—17
Middling Spot	32.78—08

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

March	32.06—14
May	31.86—10
July	30.92—12
October	28.31—17
Middling Spot	31.80—10

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 20.

Karnak	
January	95.98+279
November	92.32+268
ASHMOUNI	
December	60.04+174
February	59.37+172

U.S.A. COTTON GINNING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20

The Bureau of the Census of the department of Commerce issues its tenth ginning report of the Season as 13,395,000 Bales.

WALL STREET MARKET.

STOCKS: The approach of the convening of the New Congress together with the situation in China and Indonesia combined to restrict trading and prices drifted in slow trade. Changes eitherway were mainly fractional with losses holding a slight advantage and including numerous pivotal issues. The averages were industrials 175.69 and rails 52.69.

A flurry in Dupont after the Director's recommendation of a four for one stock split attracted interest in other group members, notably Allied Chemical. But elsewhere the stock market mostly fluctuated narrowly around midday levels in modest trade.

The market closed irregular.

CHICAGO GRAINS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.

After a hesitant start the market developed a firmer tone under the leadership of course grains on Commission House demand and local short covering based on private advices of light to heavy snow over most of the maize belt over the week-end which will hamper the movement of grains off farms.

Reports that the army is marketing for 830,000 bushels of number two trade oats for first quarter 1949 shipment to New York for exports, were an additional buying stimulant.

Selling increased in later dealings in coarse grains and earlier gains were erased but the advances in wheat were well maintained.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.

December	2.36-5/8
May	2.26-1/4
July	2.06-3/8
September	2.06-5/8

WORTH STREET ACTIVITY CURTAILED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UPA): Worth Street activity was curtailed today by the heavy week-end snowstorm which hit the New York area and many operators were unable to arrive for work before transportation was unsnarled.

Print cloth operators said business would continue to be slow until the turn of the year. In the latter section prices generally ruled unchanged.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Consols 2-1/2 p c	79-11/16
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106-1/2
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	114-3/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103-0/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	99-1/2
National Bank of India	37-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 7,292.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, Dec 20.

T. T. London on:

	SELLING	BUYING
New York	4.0275	4.0325
Monteral	4.0275	4.0325
Zurich	17.34	17.36
Stockholm	14 47 to	14.50

NO EXPORTS OF COTTON FROM BRAZIL UNTIL JULY

NEW YORK, Dec. 20

According to advices from Brazil, that country will be out of the market as an export factor until July 1949, when the new crop cotton becomes available because of the recent heavy exports. From the period starting January 1 to December 9 this year, the Brazil export figures stood at 1,216,335 bales. Santos has exported 1,198,150 bales in the same period leaving only some 18,000 bales still to be exported.

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Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

MILLS

Ahmedabad Advance 270 60/10

Apollo 3/1 3/0.9 3/1/6

Bharat 36 34/8

B. Dyeing 1003/12 4/6 3/2 12/8 10 15 11/4 15

C. India 252 55 54/8

Century 240

Elphinstone Od. 70/4

Elphinstone Ord. 70/4

Finlay 277 76 78 77

Gokak 274 77

I. U. Defd. 1/8/6 1/10

I. U. Ord. 12 12/1

Indore 181/4 85 83/12

Khatau 225

Kohinoor 289 89/8 88/12 92 91 93 92/8 93/8

Laxmi 617/8

New City 187/8

New Great 170 65 63

Model 180

Podar 157/8

Simplex 188 90 88 88/8

Swadeshi 289 88/8 93

Swan 322

Tata Mills 61/8

C. P. Rly 110/8

BANKS

Central 84/8 86

Central A Ord. 83

Imperial Old 1750 60 47/8 65 60

Imperial New 433/12 37/8

India 188/8 88 88/8

Union 8/6

U. Commercial 62/4

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 116/4

Andhravalley 1450/8, 47/8

Andhra Pref 1252/8, 55

Hydro Pref 123/12

Power 1510 12/8 7/8 17/8

INSURANCE.

Jupiter 21/4

New India 57/8 58

Vulcan 11/12 11/15

STEAMER

B. Steam 442/8 45

B. Pref 308/12

Scindia 19/11 19/15/6 19/14/6 20/1 19/15 20

STEEL

B. Steel 20/9 21/1 20/15 21/2

I. Iron 24/4 24/14 24/12 24/13

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MAJOR NORTH CHINA PORT FALLS

'Reds' Promise Not To Use Artillery Against Peiping And Tientsin

NANKING, Dec. 21, (Reuter): Communists today captured the major North China port of Tangku, closing the sea escape route to Government armies boxed in 30 miles to the west at Tientsin, it was learned in usually reliable quarters.

The Government General, Fu Tso-Yi ordered all-out preparations for street fighting in Tientsin and the old capital of Peiping, now isolated except by air and radio.

The reports that the Communists had captured Tangku added that Hsinbo, immediately north of the port, had also fallen.

Government headquarters in the north had appealed to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek for "huge forces" to protect Tangku, it was reported earlier.

A Communist radio station at Tongshan, fifteen miles east of Peiping, promised today that the Communists would not use artillery against Peiping and Tientsin, which would be "preserved as cultural and industrial centres".

General Fu's headquarters claimed that Government infantry and artillery, helped by aircraft, had driven the Communists from a south-eastern suburb of Peiping, inflicting heavy casualties.

CHIANG'S FORCES STAND NEAR NANKING

A Government force of about ten divisions is standing ready to defend the approaches to Nanking, north of the Yangtse River. Nanking is on the south bank.

TIENTSIN:— Government troops were today building sandbag machine-gun emplacements and tree-trunk barricades in the streets of Tientsin as Communist forces closed in on the city.

Government troops have now cut the railway both east and west of Tientsin and most of the outlying suburbs have been evacuated.

Reports from Chinese sources said the position south of the city was critical. Government forces had evacuated Heiensuiku and Paitangku, they said, leaving the Communists a clear road to Tientsin and its port, Tangku.

NO CABINET YET

China was still without a Government today as the Kuomintang Central Political Council, which must approve the new Cabinet, twice postponed its meeting timed to precede an expected announcement of the new ministers by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

No statement on the composition of the new Government was believed likely until tomorrow, when the Council will meet under the chairmanship of the Generalissimo.

U.S. BABY TANKS FOR CHIANG'S TROOPS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21, (Reuter): The United States steamer "Resolute" arrived here today from America with forty-five baby tanks for the Chinese Government.

The tanks were stated to have been bought by the Chinese Government from private sources in the United States and not to be part of the American military aid programme.

'ATOM CITIES' IN SOVIET UNION

Moscow Plan To Combat Atom Bomb Threat

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuter): Thousands of scientists and workers are now building three "atom cities" in isolated parts of the Soviet Union according to Professor Albert Parry, Professor of Russian Language and Civilisation at the University of Colgate, United States.

In a copyright article today in the Paris evening newspaper 'France Soir,' said to be based mainly on information gained from Russian soldiers and officers alleged to be taking refuge in the American Zone of Germany, he said that the entire region had been turned into a vast factory and laboratory.

Professor Parry said that Professor Peter Kapitza, leading Soviet atom scientist, had established his headquarters at Kuznetsk.

"Here big buildings have been erected to shelter Stalin's main ministries in case these should have to be transfered hastily from Moscow," he wrote.

Each building had a subterranean atom bomb shelter equipped with all modern comfort.

Fifteen Injured In Train Collision

TRICHY, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): Fifteen passengers sustained slight injuries when the Dhanuskodi Passenger from Madras, while entering the Chinglepet station this morning, bumped against a stationary goods train. First aid was rendered to the injured on the spot. Consequently, the train was delayed by two hours.

President Signs Irish Republic Bill

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter): The Republic of Ireland Bill which severs Eire's last links with the Crown, was signed by President Sean Okelly in Dublin today.

Mr. John Costello, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Sean MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, were present at the signing.

The act will not be operative until the Governments fixes a date in a few months time.

TIME FOR STRIKES OVER

Alva Deprecates Proposed Move Of City Medicos

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Joachim Alva, the Sheriff of Bombay, inaugurating the Grant Medical College debating Union today told the Bombay Medical Students that he was himself an old time student strike leader, but he would now positively affirm that the time for strike amongst Indian students was definitely over after August 1947.

Indian students were justified in the old days in waging strikes in schools and colleges when a foreign Government was governing the country. But now our men and women, whether in the colleges or outside, should only think and act in terms of reconstruction.

Mr. Alva condemned the reported move of the medical students to go on hunger strike in order to press their demands for reduction of fees, and warned them not to be misled by Communist slogans whispered from behind, which tended to sow disruption in students and national ranks.

Mr. Ashwin Choudree, Vice-President, Natal Indian Congress, South Africa, snapped with his wife at New Delhi. Mr. Choudree left for Jaipur on 17th inst. after completing his talks in the capital.

JOGJAKARTA RECAPTURED?

(Continued from Page 1.)

nesian people cannot accept because it is contrary to conclude treaties between the two parties and contrary to the proposals submitted by the Good Offices Commission of the United Nations.

"The Arab League cannot remain indifferent to this situation and the results which will follow", it added.

There is a big Muslim population in the Netherland's East Indies.

INDONESIAN APPEAL TO ARAB LEAGUE

CAIRO, Dec 21, (Reuter): Mr. J. Mahomed Rashid, Indonesian representative in Cairo, today handed a note to Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab League, asking the Arab League members to intervene "to put an end to Dutch aggression in Indonesia".

Australia's Move

LONDON, Dec. 21, (Reuter): Australia today called for an immediate cease fire in Indonesia and the return of the Dutch behind their own lines, as the Indonesian Republic claimed that resistance to the Dutch was increasing both in its own territory and in the Dutch-sponsored Java States outside.

Mr. Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, said Australian representatives in Paris had been instructed to raise with the Security Council several possible solutions to the conflict, including a trusteeship of the area, Reuter reported from Canberra.

Announcing his Government's decision after a long Cabinet meeting, Mr. Chifley said, "the Security Council must decide what action it should take to insure its instructions are carried out".

Indonesians May Set Up Govt. In Exile In India

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, (UPA): Charles Thamboe, Director of the Republic of Indonesia Office and "member of the United Nations delegation, announced today that the Indonesian Republic will establish a Government in Exile, and although he did not disclose the site, beyond saying that it will "probably be an Asian country friendly to the Republic and the aspirations of the Indonesian people for freedom and independence," there were strong indications that it may be India.

The belief was strengthened by the fact that the Indonesian representative, Dr. Soemitro, dwelt lengthily on the friendship of India and Indonesia in an address at the Asia Institute last night.

INDONESIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO FLY TO INDIA

SINGAPORE, Dec. 21, (UPA): Dr. Oetoyo, Indonesian representative in Singapore, said today that he will fly to New Delhi to confer with Indian and Indonesian leaders.

He declined to comment on reports that an Indonesian Government in exile would be formed in some Asiatic country. He said, however, that tomorrow's trip had no bearing on the formation of any such Government.

DUTCH CHAMBER REJECTS RED CEASE-FIRE MOVE

THE HAGUE, Dec. 21, (Reuter): A Communist motion calling for a cease-fire by Dutch troops in Indonesia was defeated in the Second Chamber by 88 votes to eight late last night.

All parties except the Communists agreed that the Dutch action against the Indonesian Republic was "inevitable" under the circumstances.

MALAY PAPER'S APPEAL TO INDIA, PAKISTAN AND CEYLON

SINGAPORE, Dec. 21, (Reuter): Leading Malay language newspaper, Utusan Melayu, today called on India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the Arab nations to impose economic sanctions on the Dutch for their action in Indonesia.

It appealed to these countries to close their air and sea ports to Dutch aircraft and ships.

The United Nations should be renamed the "White Nations Organisation "if it does nothing about the renewed Dutch aggression", it said.

PAK PARLIAMENT TO DISCUSS DUTCH ACTION

KARACHI, Dec 21, (API): In Pakistan Parliament today, Chaudhri Nazir Ahmed Khan, Member from West Punjab, gave notice of an adjournment motion to discuss situation arising out of the Dutch Military action against the Indonesian Republic and its repercussions in Pakistan. The adjournment motion will be discussed on Thursday morning.

INDIA LEAGUE'S S.O.S. TO TRUMAN

Suspend Payments To Netherlands

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, (Reuter): The India League of America today urged President Truman to suspend payments to the Netherlands Government under the Marshall Plan.

A press statement, issued through the League's President, Mr. J. J Singh, also appealed to Mr. Truman to ask the Security Council to issue a cease-fire order in Indonesia and that a United Nations Commission be sent there immediately.

"The Dutch are assaulting the poorly armed people of Indonesia with modern military equipment bought with funds supplied by the American taxpayers", the League asserted.

"The unprovoked and brutal assault has stirred the whole of Asia. The people of Asia are looking towards the Government of the United States to halt this aggression. By the stand the United States Government takes in this matter will it be judged by all freedom-loving people and particularly the colonial and non self-governing people of Asia".

DUTCH ENCOURAGED BY U.N. INDIFFERENCE

Azam Pasha Hopes U.S. Will Help End Grave Situation In Indonesia

CAIRO, Dec. 21 (Reuter): Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary Gen. of the Arag League, said here today that the Dutch action in Indonesia had been encouraged by the United Nations', "indifference to the exigencies of justice" and recognition of 'faits accomplis' based on the use of force.

"After the United Nations attitude to Palestine, Holland became convinced that the best means of carrying out her imperialist designs was the use of force and the 'fait accomplis'" Azzam Pasha told reporters.

If the United Nations Organisation accepts this principle it will put an end to itself," he added.

Azzam Pasha said: "We trust that the United States which has never been an imperialist power, and which did its utmost to found the United Nations, will contribute towards ending the grave situation in Indonesia." The Asiatic and Arab nations had contributed to the high ideals of the United nations, Azzam Pasha maintained.

"India in particular under Nehru's leadership has done much for the Indonesian cause, and in her efforts she has the support of the Arab Moslem nations", he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (API): The Government of India have exempted from income-tax donations to the Indian National Committee of the "United Nations" Appeal for Children. This fund is used solely for the benefit of India's suffering children.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (UPI): The Calcutta Police arrested today six members of a gang responsible for a number of bank frauds cases in Calcutta involving over a lakh of rupees. In course of searches at different places in north and central Calcutta some torn cheques and other documents and one Austin Car and a new radio set were secured.

NEW DELHI, Dec 21 (UPI): Dr B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, President Indian National Congress who arrived back in New Delhi from Jaipur today, paid a visit to the Belgian Art Exhibition this evening. He was taken round the exhibition by the Belgian Ambassador.

MADRAS Dec 21 (UPI): Mr E. V Ramaswami Naicker, Leader of the Dravida Kazhagan who was arrested on December 18 last at Kumbakonam, for defying an order under Sec. 144 Cr. P.C in connection with the anti-Hindi agitation, has been released.

AHMEDABAD, Dec 21 (API): The Gujarat University Committee, which recently held its sittings at Bombay to finalise its draft report, is reported to have been unanimous in substance over the name and form of the university and other points of details. The final report is expected to be submitted to the Government of Bombay by the end of this month.

AHMEDABAD Dec 21 (API): Mr G. V. Mavlankar, Speaker of the Indian Dominion Parliament will start on December 30 on a fortnight's tour of Satara, Kolhapur, Sangli, Arsikeri (Mysore State), Poona and Bombay. Mr Malvankar will lay the foundation of the Assembly Hall of the Willingdon College at Sangli and attend a meeting of the Committee of the Kasturba Memorial Trust at Arsikeri.

ADELAIDE, Dec 21 (Reuter): In spite of a fine innings of 173 by Ron Harnence, the test player, South Australia lost to New South Wales by 47 runs here today in their Sheffield Shield Match.

VIJAYAWADA, Dec. 21 (API): Vijayawada will have a Flying Club soon on the lines of the Madras Flying Club if certain tentative proposals which will shortly be submitted are accepted by the Government of India.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21: Information has been received by the Director General of Health Services, that the health authorities in Iraq have withdrawn their quarantine restrictions on account of plague against passengers from India.

Seth Rameshwarlalji Nopany of Calcutta has donated Rs 500 - for the repair of the Vanita Vishram building damaged by the recent flood at Allahabad.

NADIAD, Dec. 21.—J. and J. College of Science (Nadiad) celebrates its annual gathering tomorrow, under the presidentship of Hon. Mr. N. V Gadgil, member for Works, Mines and Power, Government of India.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21. (UPI): On the completion of 25 years of its existence, the Council of the Indian Chemical Society will celebrate its Silver Jubilee during the Science Congress Week in January 1949 at Allahabad. The functions include popular lectures by Sir S. S. Bhatnagar, Sir J. C Ghosh and several other prominent Scientists.

PRAGUE, Dec. 21. (Reuter): Czech lawyers must be prepared to give confidential information about their clients, under a new Bill nationalising the Czech legal profession.

The bill comes into operation on January 1, after approval by the National Assembly this week.

MADRAS, Dec. 21. (UPI): The Madras Government have banned the exhibition of the Hindustani film entitled "Jugnu" produced by Shaukat Art Production, Bombay, throughout the province, under sub-section 7 of section 7 of the Cinematograph Act. The film has been banned also by the Bombay Government in their Provinces.

LONDON, Dec. 21. (Reuter): Canada, India and South Africa have announced that Commonwealth High Commissioners in their capitals would rank as Ambassadors. Reuter' reported from Ottawa. New Delhi and Pretoria. Hitherto the High Commissioners have ranked behind Foreign Ambassadors on formal occasions.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20. (UPI): The University Inquiry Commission appointed by the Government of India will arrive in Calcutta on January 12 and stay here till January 18. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan is the Chairman of the Commission.

PONDICHERRY, Dec. 21, (UPI): Dr. C. R. Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of the Andhra University, came to see Sri Aurobindo Ashram yesterday. He presented to Sri Aurobindo the "Sri Cattamandichi Ramalinga Reddy Prize" for eminent merit in the humanity which in this case, he said, is not a prize but an offering at the feet of the great prophet of the life divine.

MEASURES TO BRING DOWN PRICES

Debate In Pakistan Parliament

KARACHI, Dec. 21 (API): The Constituent Assembly of Pakistan (Legislature) resumed its session at 10-30 a.m. today with Mr. Tamizuddin Khan in the Chair.

The Minister for Law and Labour Mr. Jogendranath Mandal, stated at question time in Pakistan Parliament today that the number of labour strikes in Pakistan upto the end of September 1948 was 75 involving a loss of 1,28,794 working days. It was not possible to give an estimate of the economic loss sustained by the country as a result of these strikes.

The House discussed a non-official resolution moved by Mr. Noor Ahmed (East Bengal) calling on the Government of Pakistan to investigate into the causes of the abnormal rises in the prices of essential goods and to take effective measures to reduce them. The resolution was widely supported by all sections of the House.

Moving the resolution, Mr. Ahmed said that in Eastern Pakistan conditions were worse than in Western Pakistan. In addition to high prices he added, certain essential goods were not available. He requested the Central Government to investigate into the causes of the high prices of commodities which, he thought, was mainly due to hoarding and black-marketing.

HINDI CANCELLATION POST-MARKS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21. (U. P. I.): The Hindi cancelation post-marks introduced at Gandhinagar during the Congress session evoked unprecedented demand. As the period of sale then was short and in response to requests from numerous philatelists, 30,000 blank stamped envelopes of various denominations have been cancelled with the new post-marks and will be on sale at all philatelic bureaux at the G. P. O.'s of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, New Delhi, Lucknow, Simla, Patna, Cuttack, Nagpur and Shilong upto January 31, 1949.

DON'T PUBLISH NEWS HEARD ON RADIO

Military Governor's Warning To Hyderabad Papers

HYDERABAD (Dn), Dec. 21, (API): A press note issued by the Home Secretariat of the Military Governor today warned newspapers and news agencies in the State against publishing news taken from the radio.

The press note stated: "The attention of the Military Government has been drawn to the practice of some newspapers and other agencies to take down news items, speeches or other commentaries from Indian and Foreign Broadcasting Stations over the radio and publish such matters or circulate such matters for publication.

"It is notified for general information that such practice is an infringement of the copyright held over programms broadcast over the AIR, either by private agencies or the radio station concerned, and such matters cannot be reproduced unless authorised by the proper authorities concerned.

"It must be understood that possession of a radio set entitles the owners or owners thereof only to listen in to any programme radiated over the Air, and does not entitle any person or agency to circulate, publicise, publish or cause to be published any matter taken down from the radio.

"Should the practice of making commercial use of the radio news service continue, Government may have to take suitable action to deal with it."

NEHRU'S SPEECHES TO BE BROADCAST

HYDERABAD, (Dn), Dec. 21, (API): The Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's speech at Fateh Maidan at Hyderabad on Dec. 25, will be relayed by the Deccan Radio on 411 meters between 4-15 and 5-30 p.m. and his broadcast can be heard on the same meter between 8-00 and 8-15 p.m the same day. His address to the Osmania University students on Dec. 26 will also be relayed between 10 a.m and 11 a.m. on the same metre, says a press note.

BEVERLEY HILLS (CALIFORNIA), Dec. 20 (Reuter) Sir C. Aubrey Smith, British screen star, died here today.

He was 85.

Sir Aubrey only recently finished role in "Little Women."

Few of his friends were aware he was seriously ill, although he has been suffering for some time from a heart ailment.

COMPULSORY TREATMENT FOR T.B.

Billimoria's Suggestion At Calcutta Conference

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (API): The enactment of a legislation to compel persons handling cooked foodstuffs and school teachers in charge of junior classes to undergo X-ray examination for tuberculosis was suggested by Dr. R. B. Billimoria, presiding over the sixth All-India Tuberculosis Workers' Conference held here.

Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, Premier of West Bengal, who inaugurated the Conference said that in considering the problems of the disease, the question of treatment was not enough. They should have something broader and deeper than providing sufficient hospitals and beds for patients. In diseases like tuberculosis and leprosy, prevention was better than cure.

Messages wishing the Conference success were received, among others, from the Governor-General of India, Mr. Rajagopalachari and India's Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur.

The Governor-General in his message said that the fight against tuberculosis should be a joint fight by the state, the doctor and the common man.

The Conference was attended by over 180 delegates from different provinces.

EIGHT SERIOUSLY INJURED

Workers-Police Clash Near Bhopal Station

BHOPAL, Dec. 21, (A. P. I.): Three policemen and five workers are reported to have been seriously injured and a number of workers and some other policemen slightly injured, when a police party clashed with a procession of about one thousand industrial workers near Bhopal railway station this afternoon. The injured were taken to hospital, where the condition of one policeman and one labourer is reported to be precarious.

It is stated that following the externment order on two labour leaders alleged to be communists yesterday, there was complete general strike in all the factories and mills in the State. It is alleged the workers were trying to take out a procession in defiance of the ban on processions in sympathy with the arrested leaders. The police are reported to have resorted to lathi charge to disperse the processionists. The workers, it is stated, indulged in stone-throwing in which three policemen and five workers were seriously injured and a number of workers and policemen were also slightly injured. Twenty-one persons have been arrested. The situation is reported to be quiet tonight.

U. S. SCIENTIFIC TEAM

KAULA LUMPUR.—An American scientific team has arrived here to carry out research into the medical use of the new drug chloromycetin.

Headed by Major Robert Traub, head of the Department of Virus and Rickettsial Diseases of the United States Army Medical School in Washington, the team will conduct experiments in the use of the drug in the treatment of typhoid and also its preventive properties in relation to scrub typhus.

Dr. Joseph F. Smadel, who headed an earlier research team, will fly out to Malaya early in January next year to take charge of the new investigations. The first team had proved that scrub typhus was no longer a dread disease. Chloromycetin conquerred it.

The new team has brought with it stocks of the drug research equipment and 750 mice to supplement the stock of 2,000 which the Kuala Lumpur Institute of Medical Research has kept for the work.

Field investigations are expected to last from 30 to 60 days. The team is being financed by funds allocated to it by the United States Government.

U. S. WHEAT CROP FOR 1949

WASHINGTON Dec 20 (Reuter). Next year's American wheat crop may again be above the 1,000 million bushel mark, the Department of Agriculture forecast today.

The Department's estimate for a winter wheat harvest of 964,800,000 bushels was biggest ever to be issued at this time of the year.

Preliminary survey indicates a total 1949 crop of 1,259,808, bushels. This is far above the average for the past ten years and could create a wheat surplus unless exports stay at record levels.

Last year's bumper crop totalled 1,285,096,000 bushels.

Stop Press

KARACHI STUDENTS STRIKE

KARACHI, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): Four of the striking students of the Sind Muslim College started a hunger strike today.

The students of the College struck work six days ago when the services of Mr. A. M. Molvi, Principal of the College were terminated by the Sind Madressah Board.

PAKISTAN NEWSPAPER EDITORS CONFERENCE

KARACHI, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): Mr. Altaf Hussain, Editor of "Dawn" was unanimously re-elected President of the Pakistan Newspaper Editors Conference for the ensuing year. Mr. F W. Bustin, Editor of the "Civil and Military Gazette", Lahore and Ali Mohammad Rashidi, Editor of the "Sind Observer" Karachi were elected Vice-Presidents.

V. P. MENON TO VISIT RAJKOT

RAJKOT, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): Mr. V. P. Menon, Political Adviser to the States Ministry, will be arriving here on December 27.

During his five-day stay here Mr. Menon will participate in a conference of rulers of the covenanting states with a view to settle outstanding issues and questions relating to the private properties of some of them in particular.

CALCUTTA TRAM STRIKE CALLED OFF

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): The four-day old Tramwaymen's strike was called off tonight following a settlement of the dispute between the workers and the management through th intervention of the West Bengal Premier, Dr. B. C. Roy, Labour Minister Mr. K. P. Mukherjee and the Socialist leader, Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali. The workers will resume duty tomorrow morning.

JINNAH'S EX-SECRETARY RELEASED

SRINAGAR, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): Mr. Khurshid, formerly Personal Secretary to the late M. A. Jinnah who was for over thirteen months in detention in Kashmir was released from custody today under orders of the State Government. Mr. Khurshid is stated to have expressed to the State Government his desire to go back to Pakistan for which arrangements are being made.

DANISH EMPLOYEES MAY BOYCOTT DUTCH PLANES

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21, (Reuter): Danish employees at Copenhagen's Kastrup airport—one of the largest in Europe—warned today they may boycott all Dutch planes if the Danish Government does not protest to Holland against events in Indonesia.

A resolution passed by a Committee representing the 700 Danish workers at Kastrup called on the Danish Government to take "Immediate action" with other Scandinavian countries in lodging a protest.

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT ON ILL-FATED PLANE?

HONGKONG, Dec. 20, (Reuter): The Chinese National Aviation Corporation declined to give details of the crash to-night, but it was believed Mr Quentin Roosevelt, American Vice-President of the Corporation and grandson of Theodore Roosevelt, former United States President, was aboard the ill-fated plane.

MARSHALL AID TO HOLLAND

Soemitro Hopes For Close Scrutiny

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, (Reuter): Dr. D Soemitro, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Indonesian Republic, told a New York press conference today he had "firmly based" hopes that Marshall Aid allotments to Holland would be subject to close scrutiny to say the least. "I cannot say more than that, but my hopes have a very sound basis," he said.

Concluding, he said: "Preparations outside Indonesia have been made to strengthen the fight of our people back home, and when I say preparations I mean preparations in all respects.

"I attach significance to the Nehru (Indian Prime Minister) Doctrine in which he stated that India's freedom will not have been achieved, that there will be no peace in Asia as long as there is Colonial Rule in that continent".

Folk Dances On Final Day Of Congress Session

GANDHINAGAR, (Jaipur) Dec. 21 (UPI). As many as sixteen folk dances, representing dances from different parts of India, namely, Assam, Bengal, Bihar, Rajputana, Tamil Nad, Andhra, Dhiland Santhal, of the Tribal areas, Kanara, etc., were shown by artists from different parts on India at the Subjects Committee pandal yesterday evening.

The dances, which is a part of village cultural programmes, were organised under the auspices of the Savodaya Exhibition Shrimati Asha Devi Aryanayakanm, Converner of folk dances programme, while introducing the dances, explained the object of folk dances and said that they were part and parcel of the village culture. Now that they were all living in a Free India, added Mrs. Asha Devi, they must develop the village life and their age-old village culture.

The function was attended by a

Training Centres For Mica Mining Staff

MADRAS, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): A central legislation for regulating the management of metalliferous mines by qualified men is now actively under the considerartion of the Government of India it is learnt.

The Interim Mica Advisory Committee which met here yesterday considered the question of training mica mining staff in two centres one in Madras and the other in Bihar.

The Sub-Committee was appointed to draw up a plan for a three-year course of training at two centres, Gudur (Madras) and Kodarma (Bihar).

VIJAYAWADA, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): The Vijayawada police last evening resorted to a lathi charge to disperse some R.S.S. demonstrators who had assembled at the Gandhi Nagar maidan to offer Satyagraha in defiance of the ban on their organisation. Thirteen demonstrators were arrested.

Coloured Walls In New York Schools To Aid Study

Different colors of paint, designed to put pupils in the proper psychological mood for their school work, are replacing conventional drab gray and tan walls familiar for years in a number of New York City's schools. The city's Board of Education announces that the redecoration program, which started as a trend five years ago, is based on scientific and psychological color studies.

Experimentation has shown that colors can be a factor in stimulating or depressing emotions, sponsors of the program say. For example, red is believed to inspire action, blue to calm people for mental work, and green to conserve human energy. Appropriate classroom colors, it is said, make young children more manageable and help elders ones concentrate.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20 (UPA): Arab and Jewish military commanders of Jerusalem met today under United Nations supervision to discuss a peace settlement. Arrangements for safe passage of pilgrims to Bethelhem on Christmas Eve will also be discussed.

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VIRAMBAI RAMRACHARAN and SHANTKAUR LALSHING were convicted for attempting to export cotton cloth without a permit and each sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 400 or in default to undergo further two months' simple imprisonment.

The Bombay Chronicle

That city in which the destined rulers are least eager to rule, will inevitably be governed in the best and least factious manner.

—PLATO

HOLLAND'S DEFIANCE

The Dutch aggression on the Indonesian Republic has shocked the conscience of the world. The spokesman of the Indonesian Republic has not exaggerated in naming it a second 'Pearl Harbour'. The United Nations Good Offices Committee has given concrete reasons for charging the Dutch with calculated breach of the Renville Truce of January 1948. Under that Truce, either party was required to give notice of repudiation of the Truce to the Committee as well as to the other party. Disregard of this condition would have been better than the Dutch compliance. The Indonesian authority was served with the notice at Batavia under conditions which prevented communication of it to the headquarters at Jogjakarta. One member of the Committee was given the notice and he was not able to convey it to his two colleagues. In the circumstances, the guilt of the Dutch is unquestionable, and it is satisfactory to note that among all nations Dutch conduct has been denounced in unmistakable terms. Less satisfactory, however, is the remedy proposed by nations like the U.S.A. and Australia. The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Chifley, has demanded an immediate cease fire and a retreat of both parties to the positions they held before Saturday. America, it is said, has a resolution to the same effect for the Security Council when it meets on Wednesday. But the move will not bring home to the Dutch a due sense of their outrage or reduce the menace of Dutch imperialism for the Indonesians. Moscow Radio has charged the Dutch Government with employing the most modern methods and weapons of war against the Indonesians; and, considering that it was done in entire disregard of international obligations and responsibilities under a truce, it is essential that every precaution should be taken to prevent a repetition of the incident.

The "New York Times" has rightly made this an issue between Asia and the West. Whether it intends the remark in that sense or not, it is plain that, following the lead of India's Prime Minister, all Asia regards the attitude of the West on Dutch aggression as a test of its professions of race equality and abandonment of imperialism. With candour, the New York "Star" condemns the Dutch act of colonialism as a boomerang which will turn against the imperial power. It points out that Dutch reluctance to part with the East Indies springs from the Marshall Plan. "The Indies, by virtue of a heavy traditional trade with the United States—rubber, quinine, tea, spices, tin, etc.—is a rich source of dollar accounts for the Netherlands so long as it maintains control of those exports.....The Dutch are unwilling that Indonesia become a member of the United Nations, control its own foreign policy, and, most of all, control its trade. This is nothing more than colonialism—not even 20th Century style. It is bound to fail. "It is rarely that the underdog's point of view has been so clearly set forth in the American Press. It is refreshing to know that the Dutch pretensions of creating a United States of Indonesia, within a Netherlands—Indonesian Union, have not taken in Western observers and made them acquiesce in the "pacification" of the Republic. Despite the elaborate arguments of the Dutch and their digressions against Communism and Terrorism, the action stands out as an attempt to cow down the Republicans and set up a Government of Dutch stooges in Indonesia. A year and a half back, the Dutch took "police action" against the Republic by which they deprived it of its economic resources. The present "police action", if it is not stopped, will destroy the Republic and establish Dutch supremacy in Indonesia. Obviously, the Dutch cannot be trusted to pursue the path of peace when this pernicious policy is persisted in.

The Renville Truce promised a kind of autonomy for Indonesia within the Netherlands—Indonesian Union. The Dutch aggression has made it impossible for the plan to be put through. The promises of the present Dutch Government to effect this measure of autonomy can only be accomplished with an administration in Indonesia subservient to the Hague which would naturally be completely unacceptable to the Republicans. There is no reason why the Republicans should be made to suffer for the misdeeds of the Dutch. There has been a complete vindication of the Republican demand for independence in the latest acts of the Dutch. The United Nations, therefore, should not content itself with restoring the status quo but push on to help the Indonesians to be masters of their own land. The Indonesians in contrast to the lawless Dutch have shown themselves willing to abide by the U.N. findings. They should not be penalised for their love of peaceful progress. So far as politico-economic conditions go, there are few imperial powers which depend so much on assistance from other nations as do the Dutch. They owe their continuance in Indonesia to the military assistance of Britain and America. They depend on their economic stability on the Marshall Plan — even, according to the Commerce Department of the United States, to abuse of the Marshall Plan facilities. And they are part of the Western Union. Surely, it should not be difficult for so vulnerable a nation to be made to realise its responsibilities in the 20th century.

International Bank And Productive Projects

In view of the wide interest evinced in prospects of foreign borrowing for the capital needs of the several schemes of power and industrial development in India the encouraging remarks made by the Chairman of the International Bank at its last annual meeting deserve close study. Mr. McCloy, the Chairman, was, indeed, worried by two unexpected factors in the world situation which have combined hitherto to thwart the plans of the authors of the International Bank and Fund schemes. The object of the Bank was to supply, through international State-sponsored agency, a flow of capital to productive schemes in war-devastated and industrially undeveloped countries on a scale and on terms which mere private lending would not be able to offer. The economic dislocation of war devastated countries was found to be much more serious than was expected, and the "continuance of knife-edged political situation" has injured confidence among investors. Mr. McCloy hopes that the Marshall Aid and similar programmes of immediate Governmental lending by U.S.A. will supply the floor on which normal schemes of investment such as that through the Bank can be safely built. The effects of the unprecedented economic convulsion can be thus relieved but for the prospects of political peace we can do no better than the Chairman himself who hopes that the intrinsic interests of all nations will soon lead them to recognize the vital need for an early restoration of at least a workable understanding among them. Hitherto the Bank has entered into commitments amounting roughly to $19 million dollars. As the capital resources of the Bank available in dollars approximate 735 million it has not been found necessary effectively to draw on credit not supported by capital. Applications for loans are, however, coming in at a fairly fast rate, and, while recognizing that at this stage the Bank loans can only be a supplement to essentially private lending and to Government -sponsored aid, Mr. McCloy has some practical suggestions to offer with a view to increasing the efficacy and extent of bank-lending.

It has been found in a recent case of lending to Dutch shipping companies that a guarantee of the Dutch Government supported by a further guarantee of the Bank itself facilitated the placing of the stock on the private capital market in U.S.A. If this mechanism is followed in other suitable cases where the ultimate investment is recognized to be sound and where the credit of a solvent Government buttresses the credit of the Bank, the response of the private investor in capital exporting countries, especially U.S.A., is likely to be more favourable. In fact Mr. McCloy suggests that the Bank should in suitable cases place its loans for sale in other countries, sometimes in the borrowing countries themselves. Given normal conditions of confidence there is every reason to expect that such a procedure will not only augment the total capital resources available for industrial development but will also make these available on more advantageous terms than would be possible if the Bank had to rely only on the American market. While the borrowing countries are hard put to it to make a success of their own internal borrowing programmes, progress along these lines must be made with caution. It cannot, however, be denied that in suitable cases the mechanism suggested by the Chairman may be immediately followed with advantage. There is another direction in which Mr. McCloy would more fruitfully deploy the capital resources of the Bank. Twenty per cent of each member-nation's contribution to the capital of the Bank is made in the currency of the country.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

KARACHI, Dec. 20. Only 21 members were present in the House when the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan (Legislature) met here at 10-30 a.m. today with the President, Mr. Tasmiuddin Khan in the chair.

A. P. I.

KARACHI, Dec. 20: The Pakistan Constituent Assembly met only for 17 minutes today, with the President Mr. Tamizuddin Khan in the chair. Out of nine Bills before the House, six were not moved owing to the absence of the movers from the House.

"TIMES OF INDIA"

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Writing on the Dutch outrage, the "New York Times" says that the issue involves future relations not only between Netherlands and the East Indies but also between the West and all Asia.

Does the "New York Times" claim to speak for the West or is it just giving a hint? In any case, Asia has been warned. Was not New York originally "New Amsterdam"?

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According to a report, the Hyderabad State Congress is inviting Mr K M Munshi, India's former Agent-General to Hyderabad, to visit the State and "receive a proper send-off on laying down the reins of his office".

Mr. Munshi had better not go to Hyderabad. The intention of the invitation is expressed in far too ambiguous language for comfort.

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Japanese opposition parties in the Diet have said that General MacArthur's "more austerity" letter to the Premier gave strength to their agitation for the resignation of the entire Cabinet.

General MacArthur will appreciate this subtle compliment to his indispensibility, combined with the broad hint that the Cabinet is ornamental rather necessary.

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A chemical has been found, it is said, that changes the colour of the human skin.

Australia, South Africa, the U.S.A. and New Zealand, supported by the "British" part of the British Commonwealth, are moving the U. N. General Assembly to have the drug placed under international control.

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Mr. Paul Hoffman, Economic Co-operation Administrator, on his return to the U.S.A. from China, said that he would continue to distribute relief in the cities which changed hands in the war.

Did this need saying? It is only the corollary of America's China policy.

Promoting Internationalism Through Education

AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE TO EXPAND FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS

American volunteer ambulance drivers of the last two world wars are seeking funds for 500 scholarships to be awarded to students from other countries. Composed of former ambulance drivers, the American Field Service now has a membership of some 3,400 Americans who seek to promote internationalism through education.

Lebanon and Syria are represented among the 85 students from other countries now studying in the United States on AFS grants.

AFS officials said it anticipated an increase in applications for scholarships from Middle Eastern and other countries, resulting from its expanded program.

Stephen Gallatti, AFS director, estimates 750 dol. a year is required to finance one student in a preparatory school, and about 1,250 dol. a year for a college of university student. A substantial part of this money is contributed in the form of tuition and other expenses by the schools themselves.

During the 1948-49 school year, leading colleges and schools in the United States contributed 68,000 dol. worth of scholarship grants to AFS students. Implementing this program AFS contributors gave 85,500 dol. in cash and gifts in kind, the director said.

380 SCHOLARSHIPS FINANCED SINCE WORLD WAR II END

Since the end of World War II, AFS has financed 380 foreign scholarships in American schools and colleges. For the first time the organization is appealing directly to the general public on a large scale to support its expanded program.

Campaign plans vary in the 80 cities in which support is being sought. For example in Carlisle, Indiana, Gold Star mothers (mothers whose sons were killed in action during the last two wars), organized a fund drive following the visit of a bus load of AFS students to Carlisle last summer.

Various clubs, educational organizations and parent-teacher groups are promoting the AFS campaign for funds in other cities.

At present, Field Service staff is working out plans to entertain students in American homes over the Christmas holidays. Replying to inquiries as to what a host should do, AFS published instructions saying the "hospitality is all the things you wish someone would do for you or your children if you spent a year thousands of miles from home."

Entertainment being sought for the Christmas holidays is as important to the program as schooling, AFS officials said.

Last summer 29 students in the United States were given a tour of the country by bus. They covered more than 6,000 miles during which they appeared on 30 radio programs, saw the nation's best as well as least known people and slept in farmhouses as well as the best hotels.

American Field Service was organized during World War I when the French Army permitted it to operate as an ambulance unit.

Between the last two wars, Field Service raised funds for 222 international scholarships. During World War II it recruited 2,196 volunteers, drove 1,200 ambulances and carried more than 1,000,000 casualties. USIS.

U. S. Airline To Sponsor Indo-American Travel Scholarships

Sponsorship of yearly exchange scholarships between India and America highlights a broad educational programme recently announced by Trans World Airlines, one of America's largest commercial air carriers.

Under the program TWA plans to provide travel scholarships for two university students each year going from India to study in any American university of their choice. Likewise, scholarships will be available for two Americans wishing to study in India. Similar study opportunities will be open to two students from each country serviced by TWA planes.

It is contemplated that the Indo-American scholarships will be administered through the Institute of International Education in New York in co-operation with the Ministry of Education in Delhi and the Public Affairs Officers of the American Embassy and American Consulates in India.

SPECIAL FARE FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS SOUGHT

In addition to offering travel scholarships, TWA has filed a petition with the International Air Transport Association for permission to inaugurate a special fare for students and teachers traveling internationally. The reduced rate for which application has been made will amount to a saving of about 30 per cent on each ticket.

In co-operation with the education departments of various countries, TWA also has delevoped a series of publications for teachers and students on the subject of aviation in the fields of science, geography, languages and international relations.

In announcing the overall program,

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Subsidizing Land Improvement

The Government of Bombay has undertaken land improvement schemes, such as binding, installation of costly agricultural machinery and the construction of wells on a large scale. The carrying on of these schemes will have the beneficial effect of yielding greater production. To induce agriculturists to carry out these improvements, loans are to be advanced to them at interest the rates of which will vary from 3¼ to 4½ per cent. The land mortgage banks, through which these loans are to be advanced, cannot make them available to the agriculturists at a rate less than 6 per cent. Obviously if the schemes are to be carried out, it is essential for Government to step in and subsidize the Provincial Land Mortgage Bank to enable it to undertake the financing of individual agriculturists through appropriate channels. This the Government of Bombay has now done and its decision is a wise and timely one. For it is not enough to ask the agriculturists to produce more. They must also be given all facilities they need in order to do so.

"Land-Grant Colleges"

An interesting feature of the U.S.A educational system is the work done by "land-grant colleges and universities", so called because they orginally received from the United States Government grants of public land as sources of financial support. There are at present 53 land-grant colleges in the U. S., attended by some 460,000 students, that is, one-fourth of the country's total college and university population. These colleges were first established in 1862 when congressional legislation authorized the Government to grant 30,000 acres to each State for each Senator and Representative it had in Congress. It was laid down that funds from the sale of these lands should be used for the establishment of at least one college in each State. At first emphasis was laid on the study of agriculture and mechanical arts but gradually the curricula was expanded to include all branches of education. Presiding over a recent meeting of the Association of these colleges, Dr. J. L. Morril, President of the University of Minnesota, explained how these colleges, aided by a series of legislative acts, were designed to perform three main functions: to provide the best, in class room and laboratory, teaching facilities for resident students; to promote scientific research and to operate a Co-operative Extension Service in co-operation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for disseminating information to people in rural areas.

Higher Education For Democracy

The Co-operative Extension Service of the Association does valuable work in promoting adult education. Its travelling agents teach farmers how to increase productivity of the soil and to conserve natural resources. The Service also organizes farm women into discussion groups in which they discuss the various problems affecting the modern home and they are also helped in adopting new labour-saving devices. According to the 1948 Report submitted to the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture "many foreign Governments have studied and utilized aspects of the Extension Services's techniques and organization." There is no reason why work on similar lines but adapted to our needs should not be carried on in our country. The meeting of the Association of Land-grant Colleges and Universities discussed a series of reports of the U. S. President's Commission on Higher Education regarding the role of institutions of higher learning in a democratic society. One of the speakers at the meeting said that whereas general education stressed "learning to live" and special education "learning to earn a living", comprehensive education centered its attention on well-rounded development of both talents in an individual and involved full integration of the humanities and other general subjects with professional and scientific subjects. It is noteworthy that, as a result of the discussion, the meeting passed a resolution encouraging "the development of more comprehensive education curricula" in land-grant colleges—involving closer integration of general and specialized courses of study. This expression of opinion by an important section of educational experts in U.S.A. is valuable to us, specially in view of the examination that is now being conducted of our system of higher education by the Universities Commission appointed by the Government of India.

Unnecessary Controversy

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya's remark, "Dominion Status must go", seems to have annoyed a section of the British Press. The "Telegrah", it is reported, has called on the British Government, with the "support of loyal Dominions", to state that dual relationship will not be tolerated. We are not aware where the dualism lies. India does not ask more from Britain than she is prepared to give herself, and no one should be annoyed if Indian nationalists are determined to resist efforts to get out of India more than they can reasonably expect. If, as the "Telegraph" observes, there is nothing in the existing relations between the Dominions that conflicts with Dr. Pattabhi's formula, then it not only admits that Dominion Status must go, it even says that it has already gone. As a matter of fact, there is nothing in what Dr. Pattabhi said that has not been said earlier by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru several times both in Britain and in India. It is surprising that it should have caused so much disquiet in the "Telegraph". Incidentally the reference to "Loyal Dominions" is itself a complete justification of Dr. Pattabhi's repudiation of Dominion Status. If British publicists and the British press are to indulge in this kind of differentiation, then it would be as well for India to insist on an association of independent nations, based on principles of reciprocity.

The Congress Working Committee

The new Congress Working Committee which will be announced shortly from Delhi, is to be expanded from the usual fourteen to twenty-one; it will naturally consist of a number of representatives from the Indian States. But the expansion should also be availed of to introduce a certain amount of new blood from the Union itself. The party has for a number of years carried on with its old veterans, exacting the maximum work from them. Now, with the advent of independence, many of these leaders have been absorbed in the administration and the task of government taxes them greatly. It is not fair to impose another burden on them by nominating them to the Working Committee. Moreover, the taking on of new members will prove helpful in building up a second line of public personalities of which the party is in grave need since the secession of the Socialists from the Congress. It is true that the critical times we are passing through and the fact that already from the Indian States there will be an infusion of new talent may tempt the Congress President to fall back on the old, familiar names and retain as far as possible the old guard. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya has in his presidential address made a special point of conserving the past whilst not neglecting the future. But care must be taken that the past does not prove overpowering. To some extent too, the new conditions that confront us today call for new approaches and that is difficult from men and women who have grown old with problems and hesitate to experiment. There should be just enough of the old to ensure continuity and the necessary ballast. We hope the President will see that the growth of the party is assured and that a chance is afforded to younger men. It is better to experiment now with personnel whilst our elders are here to guide us, than to have later to search for untrained talent.

Sun Fo's Chance

In contradiction of yesterday's report that Dr. Sun Fo had refused the nomination to the Prime Ministership of China because of his inability to form a Cabinet, comes the welcome news that he has succeeded in getting together a Cabinet, fairly representative of Kuomintang opinion, and that he is optimistic of securing others from outside the Party. Dr. Sun Fo has referred to a determination to fight on until an "honourable peace" can be secured, and has indicated that it is not the intention of the Cabinet to surrender outright. All this suggests that the difficulties which obstructed this course so far, have been removed and that full understanding exists between the Generalissimo and Dr. Sun Fo. This will be welcomed by all friends of China. Unless there is agreement within Nationalist China, there can be no hope of a wider reconciliation and a coalition with the Communists would be fatal. The Chinese Premier has undertaken a heavy responsibility and his efforts seem to have at last yielded beneficial results.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Public Libraries Or Prohibition?

Sir,—The latest available statistics about public libraries in the United States, 1944-45 makes a very interesting and instructive reading for us. According to it there were 7,408 public libraries in the Continental United States as of the year 1945 with an approximate total of 125 million volumes serving a total population of nearly 90 million people. Thus sixty per cent of the population of the United States had access to one public library or another for which he or she directly or indirectly paid taxes to the Government. These figures are very impresive indeed. A comparison of the Indian statistical figures for 1944 (India and Pakistan combined) reveals to us the utter inadequacy of library service in India. There were a total of 319 libraries in India and Pakistan to serve a population of 400 millions. None of these libraries could be said to be a tax supported one. It is a well-recognized fact that a library is the heart of the educational system in a land. It has often been said that a healthy democracy and a well-informed public opinion are the result of intelligent reading habits. If that is accepted as a criterion for a good democracy, we cannot justify ourselves as a democracy at all. The vital need of the hour is for the Central and Porvincial Governments to take the initiative in the matter of providing tax supported library service to the public.

It is gratifying to note that the year before last the Bombay Government recognized the importance of libraries in the field of education and launched on a Library Development Scheme. Under that scheme the Bombay Province has now one central library at Bombay, three regional libraries at Dharwar, Poona and Ahmedabad and sixteen district libraries all over the province. All of them are free public libraries financed by Government. Though what has been done during these two years is encouraging we have achieved only precious little compared to what we should have.

When Government is pressed for more immediate help the answer would inevitably be lack of finance. The prohibition policy of the Provincial Governments has already proved a big drain to the extent of crores of rupees in the provincial finances. Despite the recent discouragement from the Centre of such a rigorous policy of prohibition, some Provincial Governments are going headstrong with this illadvised policy. The drink habit can ultimately be cured only through mass education and not by physical enforcement. I appeal to the Government to relax a bit in their prohibition front and utilize the proceeds derived therefrom to provide more libraries for the people.—Yours, etc.,

December 21. K. P. GANAPATHY.

A. I. R. And Hindustani

Sir,—The present system of broadcasting in various provincial languages leads to narrow provincialism and linguistic consciousness. Next to religion, language is considered to be the geatest unifying force. India being a secular State cannot enforce a common religion on the masses. However, for the solidarity of the nation some sort of imposition is absolutely necessary and the imposition of Hindustani on all the programmes broadcast from A.I.R. will make people Hindustani conscious which will help them to emerge from narrow provincialism and linguistic consciousness. The radio artists and radio listeners will learn Hindustani for no other language will then be known to the A.I.R. except English and Hindustani. It will be evident from the cosmopolitan crowds listening attentively to the Hindustani broadcasts of the A.I.R. that all can understand Hindustani even if they cannot read or write the language. Radio is the most potent instrument in educating the public and the list of radio listeners is daily increasing. Why not utilise this medium for imparting knowledge in Hindustani?—Yours, etc.,

ARVIND L. MAJMUNDAR.

Baroda, Dec. 20.

The Oxford Society

Sir,—In the early days of World War II past and present members of the University of Oxford met several times in Bombay under the auspices of the Oxford Society. With the encouragement of H. E. the Governor (Balliol) it is proposed to revive such meetings, and I shall be much obliged if you will publish this letter warmly inviting all Oxonians in the province to send their names and addresses to the undersigned, c/o Oxford University Press, Oxford House, Apollo Bunder, Bombay. It is hoped to arrange a meeting early in the new year.—Yours etc.

R. E. HAWKINS

Dec. 20.

Plight Of Handloom Weavers

Sir,—Since December 1948, the Government have again restricted yarn by control and have thus solved the problem, according to their idea, of the poor weavers. But it would not be proper to think that we would solve the problems of the weavers' daily difficulties by simply restricting supply of yarn.

If the Government really intends to do some good of permanent nature, it is very necessary that it should take all the produced commodities of this industry under its exclusive supervision and this will not require any special efforts to be made. It would be very easy to fulfil this object through the industrial co-operative societies in the province.

It is earnestly requested that the Bombay Government should contemplate the petty weavers' problems with a view to giving a helping hand to the lacs of weavers in our province and their dependents as they will soon fall a prey to black-marketeers. It has now become an universal truth that as soon as things are controlled the danger of black-marketing immediately follows. No sure and effective remedy has been revealed as yet against these deadly poisonous germs of blackmarketing and that is why the control never meets with success.

The steps which the Government took for the eradication of this, are really welcome and we all wish to co-operate. As soon as the yarn is controlled it is found that there is a tug-of-war between the handloom and power loom weavers. Sometimes handloom weavers get extra quota of yarn when the powerloom weavers raise a complaint. Then their quota is lessened and the quota of powerloom weavers is increased. These suden changes are made without an idea of the actual situation and at caprice of Control Board.

In case anybody dared to complain about regular quota of yarn, the stereotyped reply from the department is given, viz., "The quota granted to you, is quite correct."

The weaving industry in India is very ancient and it has been of great importance. Approximately a crore of men are earning their livelihood by this. In these days of acute scarcity it has attracted the attention of all.

The Government has left no stone unturned for increase in production and in some of the mills there are 2 or 3 shifts. The Government is ready to give all the facilities and supply of raw materials even, to them. But the demand for increase in yarn quota is suposed to be a greta impediment in the way of Government. Everybody should think over this matter. The difficulties of the weavers are also a difficulty of the public as 25 per cent of the population is one way or other related to this industry.

The fate of weaver is very terrible in these days. Owing to restrictions he is unable to get yarn. Thousands of looms are lying idle and lacs of weavers are driven out owing to unemployment. They are on the brink of starvation. The handloom weavers were able to get yarn of 70-75 lbs per handloom per month. But in these days only 30 lbs. is granted. If the same state continues, it is feared, that this handloom industry will be no more, and the workers will run hither and thither.

The Government is expected to contemplate over this grave situation and protect this ancient industry of India. The handloom weavers should get regular but sure quota of yarn. Let us hope the Government will sympathetically consider this matter in the interests of weavers.—Yours, etc.,

MAHOMED USMAN JEHANGIR

Maulavi Ganj,
Dhulia Dec. 12.

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Dr. John Furbay, Director of Air World Education for TWA, said that he believed the airplane will be one of the greatest forces of shaping relationships of peoples in the world "because it has shrunk the space which formerly kept peoples apart and has brought all of the peoples of the world within hours and minutes of each other, thus making it necessary for people to understand one another."

"It is the task of aviation to assist in bringing about this kind of world understanding" said Dr. Furbay "and one of the most effective ways of achieving this is through large-scale interchange of students and teachers, an activity in which we hope to participate actively." USIS.

OPEN AIR

The Cuckoo family has a very bad reputation in the bird world, for most of its members are social parasites. Instead of making nests for themselves and rearing their own young ones, they prefer to lead irresponsible lives, while others do the work for them. So they play all day, and we hear their voices from early morning till late in the evening, and sometimes in the night as well, because, as soon as the nesting season arrives, they just leave their eggs in the nests of other hard-working birds and leave the upbringing of their young ones to foster parents. The Koel chooses the nests of the House Crows, and the Pied Crested Cuckoo and the Hawk Cuckoo those of the Babblers for this purpose. In contrast to the bad habits of these parasitic cuckoos, we find that the Crow-Pheasant, althought a member of the same family, takes her parental duties seriously, for she builds her own nest in the branches of some thorny tree and brings up her family as she should. The Crow Pheasant is a very familiar bird as soon as we leave the overcrowded urban district for the country proper and we often hear its deep booming call before we see the bird itself. It is about the size of a Jungle Crow, but it has a much longer tail. In colour it is uniformly black except for its wings which are chestnut brown. Its diet consists of insects, mainly, though it has varied tastes, and enjoys equally a feast of lizards, frogs or even an occasional green snake.

D. R.

CROW PHEASANT

WEST INDIES WIN BY SIX WICKETS

Gulam Ahmed Bags Three Out Of Four Wickets In Tourists' Second Knock

NAGPUR, Dec21.

The West Indies Cricket Team won their fixture against U.P. Governor's XI, defeating the home side by six wickets. The Governor's XI continuing their innings this morning were all out for 184. The tourists hit up the requisite number of runs for the loss of only four of their batsmen. A noteworthy feature of the day's play was the brilliant bowling of Gulam Mahmed who captured three out of the four wickets that fell for 43 runs.

Forty-two minutes this morning sufficed to see the Governor's Eleven second innings terminate for 184, leaving the West Indies 148 to win in 245 minutes left for play.

The attendance was over 5,000 when play between the West Indies and the Governor's Eleven entered on the third and last day's play. K. Thakur and Sane sent up 150 after the innings had lasted 185 minutes and then Sane called for a runner as he was limping badly and Kesari came out to act as one. Runs now came fast, the first 15 minutes play producing 20 runs with Thakur cutting Jones through the slips for a four Then at 168 Stollmeyer took over from Gomez who had conceded nine runs in three overs and thereafter Jones started the rout which he completed by taking all the three remaining wicket clean-bowled for 18. When the total had reached 170, he first bowled Sane for eleven and after Ghulam Ahmed had collected a single sent his offstump flying yards out at 172. With Maka bringing up the rear, Thakur hooked Jones to the mid-wicket boundary and got four legbyes off the next, but Jones also sent his offstump flying with the fifth ball of his seventh over for 18 and the Governor's eleven second innings, which had lasted 222 minutes, terminated for 184 Maka remaining not out with 2 to his credit.

The final bowling analysis of Jones was 17.5 overs, 3 maidens, 52 runs and 5 wickets.

The West Indies by lunch had lost Carew for 53 runs.

Carew and Stollmeyer opened the West Indies second innings to the bowling of Gaekwad and C. K. Nayudu but lost Carew when the total was nineteen.

Carew turned Gaekwad's last ball for a two and then drive C. K. Nayudu to long on for a four while Stollmeyer got a three off Gaekwad with an fidrive. When the total was twelve, C K. Nayudu made way for Ghulam Ahmed and Carew got another four with a straight drive. After bowling four overs in which he conceded six runs Gaekwad was placed by C. S Nayudu but it was Ghulam Ahmed who broke up the partnership by getting Carew out low for ten when the total was nineteen.

Rae joined Stollmeyer. Runs were difficult to obtain with both the bowlers maintaining an accurate length and placing silly mid-ons and silly mid-offs within five yards of the batsmen. Runs came slowly in singles until Rae drove C. S. Nayudu straight for four. Gaekwad returned vice C. S Nayudu who had conceded fourteen runs in five overs and C. S. Nayudu crossed over to displace Ghulam Ahmed whose one wicket had cost him only nine runs in six overs of which two were maidens.

Fifty went up as the result of an hour's play when Stollmeyer's score was 23 and Rae's 13. At 52 Kesari was tried in place of C. S. Nayudu and when lunch was taken the score was 53 for one.

RAE OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH

Soon after lunch Rae was given out lbw off the fifth ball of the first over from Gaekwad who opened the attack with Ghulam Ahmed. After Stollmeyer got a single off the third ball, the fifth struck Rae on the pads and wicket-keeper Maka appealed and Umpire Sane gave the left-hander out. Rae had batted nearly an hour and the second wicket fell at fifty-six.

Gomez joined Stollmeyer but after scoring a single he was dropped at second slip by S. Thakur off Gaekwad. Thereafter runs came steadily though in singles and twos and at seventy-four C. S. Nayudu was tried in place of Ghulam Ahmed in order to enable Gaekwad to change ends, but Stollmeyer hi him for two fours S. S Thakur was introduced in place of Gaekwad and Gomez cut Gaekwad to the ropes after getting two off the same stroke a little earlier. Stollmeyer completed his faultless fifty in a stay of 100 minutes with the aid of three four in a total of ninety-six. At 97 Ghulam Ahmed was brought back vice Gaekwad who replaced Thakur at the other end. When 100 went up in 103 minutes Stollmeyer had scored fifty and Gomez eighteen. Gomez next square cut Ghulam to the boundary but at 108 Stollmeyer was out lbw to Ghulam Ahmed after scoring fifty-two. Stollmeyer had played a grand innings. Atkinson who came next was given out lbw to he first ball from Ghulam Ahmed , but Christiani drove him to the leg boundary for a four.

Christiani was now scoring in fours next was given out lbw to the first ball collected twenty-seven in 23 minutes. Gomez made the winning stroke at 3 P.M. after the innings had lasted 145 minutes.

The West Indies won by six wickets.

SCORE-BOARD

GOVERNOR'S XI (First Innings)	139
WEST INDIES (First Innings)	178
GOVERNOR'S XI (Second Innings)	
Mushtaqali c Atkinson b Gomez ..	30
G. Naidu b Gomez	0
S. S. Takur b Gomez	1
K. P. Kesari lbw Gomez	3
C. K. Nayudu st. McWatt b Stollmeyer	72
C. S Nayudu c Rickards b Gomez	37
H. Gaekwad c Stollmeyer b Jones	1
W. D. Sane b Jones	11
K. S. Thakur b Jones	18
Ghulam Ahmed b Jones	1
E. S. Maka not out	2
Extras (5 legbyes, 3 Noballs)	8
TOTAL	184

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/5, 2/10, 3/18 4/56, 5/129, 6/147, 7/147, 8/170, 9/172, 10/184.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

P. E. Jones 17.5/3/52/5.
G. E. Gomez 22/8/50/4.
W. Ferguson 6/125 '0.
D. Atkinson 3/0/4/0.
G. Carew 9/4/22/0.
J. B. Stollmeyer 9/2/23/1.

WEST INDIES (Second Innings)

C. Carew lbw Ghulam Ahmed ..	10
J. B. Stollmeyer lbw Ghulam Ahmed	52
A. Rae lbw Gaekwad	15
Gomez not out	37
A. D. Atkinson lbw Ghulam Ahmed	0
R. Christiani not out	27
Extras (7 byes)	7
TOTAL (for four wickets) ..	148

FALL OF WICKETS:—1/19, 2/54, 3/108, 4/108.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

H. Gaekwad 19/2/55/1.
C. K. Nayudu 3/1/6/0.
Ghulam Ahmed 16/3/43/3.
C. S. Nayudu 3/1/28/0.
K. P. Kesari 10/1/0.
S. S. Thakur 3/0/8/0.

INTER-COLLEGE TENNIS IN BOMBAY

Walk-Overs Galore On Second Day

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

When the Inter-Collage Tennis Tournament of the University of Bombay was continued this evening, six out of the eleven first round matches in the Men's doubles were decided by walk-overs.

G.S.M. "B" and Ruia "B" were concerned in a prolonged match that went over 38 games, before the Medicos got the better of the latter.

Ruia's first pair however got the better of the Siddarth's leading players. This game also was decided over three sets.

In an interesting Women's doubles encounter Miss Kundaji—last year's runners-up in women's singles—and Miss Bhandari, playing as Elphinstone's leading pair lost the first set to their opponents from the Grant Medical College, Miss Irani and Miss Chinoy. Rallying brilliantly they brought the game round to their favour, and he Medico's second pair had o retire beaten over three sets.

The following are the results:—

MEN'S DOUBLES (1st ROUND)

E.C. and R.I.S. "A" W.O. Veterinary "A"; Podar "A" W.O. G.S.M. "A"; G.M.C. "B" W.O. Bhavans "B"; St Xavier's "B" W.O. Jai Hind "A"; Sydenham "B" (Regs and Vakil) beat Ismail "B" (A. Sayeed and F. Sayeed), 6-2, 6-1; Ruia "A" (Chitnis and Nirodi) beat Siddarth "A" (Chhaya and Contractor), 3-6, 7-5,6-3; St. Xavier's "A" (Meckyal and Khatau) beat Wilson "B" (Zaveri and Partner), 6-1, 6-3; G.C. and R.I.S. "B" W.O. Veterinary "B"; Sydenham "A" beat Siddarth "B", 6-2, 6-1; G.M.C. "A" W.O. Ismail "A", G.S.M. "B" (Mehta and Partner) beat Ruia "B", 7-9, 7-5, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLE'S

(2nd Round)

E.C. and R.I.S. "A" (Miss Kundaji and Miss Bhandari) beat G.M.C. "A" (Miss Irani and Miss Chinoy), 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Association ground.

2-45 p.m. Ruia vs. G.M.C.

3-45 p.m. R.I.A.F. vs. Overseas C.S. (Division II).

4-45 p.m. B.B. & C.I. Rly. "B" vs. Catholic Gymkhana (Division I).

Parsi Cyclists Ground

5 p.m. Bombay Parsi S.A. vs. Dockyard "B".

St. Xaviers Ground, Parel

4 p.m. Byculla Loco vs. Bombay Area Army 5 p.m. G.I.P. Rly. "B" vs. St. Xaviers "B"

G.I.P. Rly. Ground, Parel

4 p.m. Young Rovers vs. Mahim Gymkhana 5 p.m. St. Xaviers 'D' vs. Young Christians.

TENNIS

C.C.I. & St. Xavier's College Court.

3-30 p.m. Inter-College Tennis Tournament.

HANDICAPS FOR SUNDAY

The following are the handicaps for Bombay Races, Seventh Winter Meeting to be held on Sunday December 26th:—

THE INDIAN 1,000 GUINEAS. (Terms—Indian Fillies, 3 yrs. old.) 1 Mile.

Show On 8-7; Liberty Belle 8-7; Sweet Maryla 8-7; Ironside 8-7; Shubh Luxmi 8-7; Ma Cherie 8-7; Kalpna 8-7; Aroma 8-7; Dulari 8-7; Midinette 8-7; Brave Anna 8-7; Fitna 8-7; Arowhena 8-7; Parastan 8-7; Big Hearted 8-7; March on 8-7; Lady Chief 8-7; Peggotty 8-7.

THE BARODA CUP. (Horses, C II). 1 Mile.

Crystal 9-0; Full House 8-13; Doorani 8-12; Navvara 8-11; Kirti 8-10; Jawahir 8-10; Bramford 8-9; Jeanne d'Arc 8-9; Star of Mahad 8-8; Rim Jhim 8-8; Royal Crusader 8-7; Maduri 8-7; Kunigal Star 8-7; Mayya Devi (late Princess Maya late Pice) 8-6; Zam Zam 8-4; Goodwill 8-3; Repartee 8-3; Post Master 8-2; Boop's Fancy 8-2; Ramal 8-1; Rajput Warrior 8-1; Near Image 8-0; Raj Doot 8-0; Fie 8-0; Pramila 7-12; Simon's Sister 7-12; Oriental Spotlight 7-11.

THE VIRAR PLATE. (Indian Horses, C III). 1 Mile.

Diniar 9-2; Stylish Lady 8-13; Futurity 8-11; Bhopal Star 8-9; Dragon Seed 8-6; Happy Go Lucky 8-4; Aman 8-3; Truman 8-3; Adeline 8-2; Pride d'Antibes 8-2; Baaz Bahadur 8-1; Paramount Power 7-13; Maslie 7-12; Chin Up 7-12; Here Again 7-10; Pom Pom II 7-10; Grace 7-8; Sohni 7-8.

The KARACHI PLATE. (Indian Horses, C IV). 7 Furlongs.

King Sheridan 9-4; Ghizala 9-3; Cocktop 9-2; Khundil 8-13; Rashtrapati 8-13; Mandil 8-13; Wood Nymph 8-13; Hurry On 8-12; Masked Player 8-11; Saita 8-11; Blue Mist 8-10; Hikmet 8-10; Crescent 8-10; Gold Ribbon 8-8; Patakha 8-6; Azad Hind 8-5; Gentle Whisper 8-5; Lady Cleopatra 8-3; Fantasy 8-2; Patent Bid 8-1; Gay Pilot 8-1; Rana Pratap 8-0; Bold Bandit 8-0; Pan Supari 7-12; Tantalum 7-12; Bronzewing 7-11; Gori 7-10; Put All 7-10; Merry Windsor 7-10; Princess of Hindustarf 7-9; Clitheroe 7-8; Hercules 7-6; Windsor Knight 7-6; Pound Note 7-4.

THE KANARA PLATE. (Indian Horses, C V, Winners). About 1-1/2 Miles.

Battling Admiral 9-4; Army and Navy 9-3; Blue Lotus 9-2; Panditji 9-2; Golden Square 9-1; Pearl Mahal 9-0; Rang Rao 9-0; Valiant Prince 8-11; Down South 8-8; Ginger Lady 8-8; Brilliant Sunshine 8-8; Court Dancer 8-0; Home Spun 7-11; Robin Adair 7-5; Miss Rutty 7-5.

To be ridden on even terms by Apprentice Jockeys who have not ridden 10 or more winners.

THE SAPHALA PLATE. (Terms—Indian Horses, 3 yrs. old only, C V, Maidens). 5 Fur.

DIVISION I

Marlow 9-0; Little John 9-0; Hind Vijay 9-0; Reuter 9-0; Kotidhwaj 9-0; Untamed Prince 9-0; Winning Post 9-0; Who Knows 9-0; Toto 9-0; Sir Galahad 9-0; Dark Roy 9-0; Gwalior Express 9-0; Fowzia, 8-11; Rubayat 8-11; Flash Ena 8-11; Shahistah 8-11; Sweetie Shah 8-11; Miss Primrose 8-11; Midintte 8-11; Kalpna 8-11; Gipsy Flower 8-11; Jahan Zaib 8-11; Excellent 8-11.

DIVISION II

Asoka 9-0; Shivneri 9-0; Poppet 9-0; Gay Sire 9-0; Vagabond Prince 9-0; Shah of Iran 9-0; Marvel 9-0; Sunlight 9-0; King's Star 9-0; Amin 9-0; Steve 9-0; Jai Malhar 9-0; Abdel 9-0; Fair Rose 8-11; Yes 8-11; Adorable 8-11; For Ever Amber (late Katie Aam 8-11; Sarojini 8-11; On and On 8-11; Duchess of Ramgarh 8-11; Gurjari 8-11; Titina 8-11; Leading Lady 8-11; Parastan 8-11.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE GHOLVAD PLATE. (Terms—Indian Colts and Geldings, 2 yrs. old only, C V, Maidans). 5 Furlongs.

DIVISION I

Pelion 8-7; Chandrajeet 8-7; Lochinver 8-7; Triple Alliance 8-7; Treasure Toy 8-7; Taray 8-7; Desert Knight 8-7; Prince of Mahad 8-7; Trumpeidor 8-7; King of Diamonds 8-7; Chand Chakor 8-7; Manzoor 8-7; Pride of Hindustan 8-7; Play on 8-7; Makarpura 8-7; Par Excellence 8-7; Gang Bhup 8-7; Reshone 8-7; Shah Fredoon 8-7.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

DIVISION II

Lerins 8-7; Joe Louis 8-7; Basilian 8-7; Won Thousand 8-7; Flying Call 8-7; My Will 8-7; Summer Lightning 8-7; Reform 8-7; Furat 8-7; Kennereth 8-7; Deuce of Clubs 8-7; Onslaught 8-7; Tawaqul 8-7; Aarzu 8-7; Bihari 8-7; Lake Success 8-7; The Conqueror 8-7; Even Money 8-7; Heartbreaker 8-7.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentic Jockeys with allowances.

HAMENCE'S 173 DOES NOT SAVE S. AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE, Dec 21. (Reuter): Inspite of a fine innings of 173 by Ron Hamence, the Test player, South Australia lost to New South Wales by 47 runs here today in their Sheffield Match.

The final scores were: New South Wales, 243 and 353 for four declared. South Australia 196 and 358 for five.

South Australia made a grand bid to get 401 runs in six hours today for a win over New South Wales who commanded a first innings lead.

ENTHUSIASM FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY IN TENNIS ON THE INCREASE IN BRITAIN

With Entries Already 20% Up, The New Coaching Scheme Will Provide L. T. A. With Serious Problem

LONDON, Dec. 20, (Reuter): Although the standard of Lawn Tennis in Britain and the United States will not stand comparison, it cannot be said that there is any lack of enthusiasm for tournament play in Britain.

The Lawn Tennis Association accounts for the year show a total of 10340 entries at 72 Open Tournaments. This represents an average of over 140 entries for each tournament, an increase of nearly 20 per cent over the average for 1947.

With the new coaching scheme planned by the L.T.A. coming into operation in the near future, it is reasonable to assume that the entries will rise again next season. This will present the L.T.A. with the serious problem of lack of courts.

Even now the congestion of courts is serious and Referees have a difficult task in ensuring that players have reasonable rest between matches without, at the same time, disrupting the programme.

This growing popularity of tournaments can be attributed partly to the fact that leading players are called upon to play right through the competitions.

The comparative "rabbits" welcome the opportunity of playing against the stars as they learn more this way in one match than in a weeks play in their own case, but the situation is akin to asking Premier Soccer Courts to play through all the qualifying rounds of the Football Association Cup

One good point of the system is that it is possible to assess the value of an unknown playing against first-class opposition and the L.T.A. can act. accordlingly.

ALLAHABAD SKITTLED OUT FOR 50 RUNS

Calcutta Varsity In Strong Position In Zone Final

CALCUTTA, Dec 21.: In the Final of the North Zone of the Inter-University Cricket Tournament between Allahabad University and Calcutta University which began here today, Allahabad University scored only fifty runs in the first innings. Calcutta Unversity had made 253 for six wickets at close of play, S.Sarar being top scorer with 84.

The following are the scores:-

ALLAHABAD UNIVERSITY

(FIRST INNINGS)

D. S. Ghosh lbw D. Ghose	0
K. Singh b P. Roy	6
B. N Katju c P. Doyle b D. Ghose	1
K. B. L. Gour lbw D. Ghose	10
Ramdas c P. Doyle b D Ghose	0
Puran Misra b D. Ghose	6
Abid Kazmi lbw D. Ghose	5
Y. Mehra c P. Doyle b P. Roy	7
R. Wilson b P Roy	2
G Saxena c Sarkar b D Ghose	1
Ramanand not out	0
Extras	12
Total	50

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4: 2-6: 3-18; 4-20; 5-26; 6-39: 7-46: 8-46. 9-50

BOWLING ANALYSIS

D Ghose	13.2-6-17-7
J Dutt	2-1-5-0
P. Roy	10-4-16-3

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY (FIRST INNINGS):

D. Ghose b Kazmi	8
B. Moitra b K. Singh	42
A. Das Gupta lbw Katju	1
P. Roy lbw Katju	4
S Sarkar c Ghosh b K. Singh	84
J. Miter b K. B. L Gour	38
G Roy batting	64
P. Doyle batting	4
P. Bhattacharjee, R. Roy, J. Dutt to bet.	EXTRAS 11
TOTAL (for six wickets)	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16; 2-17; 3-25; 4-67; 5-129; 6-220.

GUJERAT 261 FOR 6 IN RAMJI MEMORIAL MATCH

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): The three-day Festival Cricket match between Gujerat and a Patiala Eleven in memory of the late speed merchant, L. Ramji, began on the Gujerat College ground this morning. At the close of play today, Gujerat had made 261 for six wickets.

The following were the scores:—

GUJERAT (1ST INNINGS):

Gunwant Desai c Reshamwalla b Amarnath	1
Udayan c Rangnekar b Amarnath	0
Reshamwalla c Berry b Rege	24
J. Shodhan c Amarnath b Ramprakash	22
Kishenchand b Amarnath	81
Walter batting	74
Phiroze Khambatta C. K. Bose b Balvirsingh	41
Jasu Patel batting	4
Extras	14
Total	261

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Amarnath	25	7	51	3
Rangekar	10	2	28	0
Balvirsingh	18	4	45	1
Prithviraj	2	0	5	0
Rege	13	2	33	1
Tuljaram	3	0	90	
Ramprakash	17	4	53	1
Raisingh	5	0	23	0

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/1, 2/6, 3/53, 4/95, 5/156, 6/251.

BOMBAY HOCKEY LEAGUE

R. I. N. Beat Reserve Bank

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

In the Second Division game played at 3-45 p.m. Royal Indian Navy accounted for Reserve Bank Sports Club by three goals to nil.

The Navy team work themselves well together and their outers and inners combined well. Their half line makes good openings. D'Souza scored twice and Miranda once for the winners.

Khalsa College accounted for Podar College in the Inter-Collegiate League match played earlier. They won convincingly scoring six goals to their opponents nothings. Alphonso Dias and Alex scored two each.

The First Division game was cancelled owing to the Inter-Services Final being played on the same venue.

Parel Hockey League Results

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The senior string of Panchgani Parsi Sports Club eliminated St. Xavier's Association by two goals to nil in the Senior Division of the Parel Hockey League played this evening at the St. Xaviers Ground Parel. Mody and Battliwala were the goal getters.

In the earlier game Lever Sports Club "A" just managed to beat the third string of the St. Xaviers College by a solitary goal scored by Fernandes in the First Division of the Parel League.

I. A. M. C. BEAT R. I. E.

Inter-Services Hockey Final

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Inter-Services Hockey Final was played on the Association ground this evening before a distinguished gathering from various units of the services. Major-General Brar, Bombay area Commander was the guest of honour. The Indian Army Medical Corps and the Royal Indian Engineers contested the final. Before the game and during the interval the massed bands of the Bombay Sappers and Miners in the smart uniforms and turbans and the I.A.M.C. band entertained the crowd.

The game was fast and exciting the beat of drums occasionally being used to cheer the teams. The medical men combined well and their short passes brought the engineering defence into difficulties. Both sides were presented with scoring opportunities but the medical men went ahead in the first half when Badrunath netted and on resumption Clarence consolidated their position. The winners received a tremendous ovation at the end and were shouldered out by their supporters.

SETH WINS LUCKNOW BADMINTON FINAL

LUCKNOW, Dec 20 (API): T. N. Seth (U.P.) won the singles title of the All-India Badminton Championship here today beating Jaini (Delhi).

The match produced a high standard of Badminton. In the first set Jaini led at 5-3 and again at 7-5 but Seth, playing an aggressive game, levelled up and took the game at 15-8

The second set was full of rallies. Jaini, playing a cautious game established a 7-3 lead but the U.P. player levelled up but only to lose the game at 10-15. Seth, however, clinched the third set at 15-8 with vigorous smashes and clever placements.

The Ladies Singles Final between Miss Drummond and Miss Kacker was also a three-game match. Miss Drummond who had a better repertoire of strokes won.

Following are the results:

MEN'S SINGLES:

T. N. Seth (U.P.) beat Jaini (Delhi) 15-8, 10-15, 15-8.

LADIES SINGLES:

M. S. Drummond beat Miss Kacker 11-2, 6-11, 11-8.

MEN'S DOUBLES:

Sunil Bose and Guna (Bengal) beat Jaini and H. Kishen (Delhi) 15-5, 15-4.

LADIES DOUBLES:

Miss T. Dass and M. S. Drummond beat Mr Hanson and Miss Kacker 15-5, 15-3.

MIXED DUOBLES:

Jaini and Miss Johari beat Dube and Miss Hakels 15-14, 15-5.

MATUNGA INDIAN BADMINTON TOURNEY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Matunga Indian Gymkhana Annual Badminton Championships are due to begin on Jan. 2. All the usual events are listed for the tourney. Entries should reach the Hon. Tournament Secretary c/o The Indian Gymkhana (Matunga) Ltd., Gymkhana Building, Bhaudaji Road, before 6 p.m. on Dec. 30.

All the games will be played on outdoor courts of the Gymkhana.

ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

Jubbulpore Ex-Serviceman's Sentence Reduced

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 21 (API): The Additional Sessions Judge, Mr. R. Y. Mahajan, today delivered judgement in the appeal by 61-year-old T. B. Hawkins (Anglo-Indian) against his conviction by a special magistrate on the charge of having been in unlawful possession of 1.59 rounds of ammunition. He had been sentenced to six months simple imprisonment.

Officer-in-charge of a secret military organisation during the war, Hawkins had been discharged from service in April 1947, and had proceeded to Chhindwara to settle down there. He was arrested in September 1947.

The Appellate Court today confirmed Hawkins' conviction, but reduced the sentence to the period already undergone, and imposed a fine of Rs. 1,000 in default six months imprisonment.

The Court observed that it did not appear that Hawkins possessed the excess quantity of ammunition with any criminal intent of a subversive nature, and his act was purely an outcome of carelessness on assumed security based on his status and associations.

The Court reserved judgement in the appeal by Major Francis Samuel Powell, 52 year-old British-born Wing Commandant of the Special Armed Constabulary, Jubbulpore, who had also been sentenced to six months simple imprisonment in a similar case.

BID TO END PUNJAB BORDER RAIDS

Police Chiefs' Agreement At Khalra

AMRITSAR, Dec. 21 (API): An agreement has been reached between the Deputy Commissioners of Amritsar and Lahore to settle disputes on the East Punjab West Punjab border. Under the agreement, which was the result of a two-hour conference at Khalra attended by police chiefs of both sides, steps will be taken to stop immediately all border raids immediately including arrest of disturbers of the peace.

According to the agreement, and around Mohammediwala village ceded to India under the Radcliffe Award but held in possession of West Punjab will be handed over to the Amritsar authorities and the 200 Bigha enclave near the village of Narli belonging to West Punjab but held by East Punjab will be given to the Lahore authorities.

Kidnapped girls were also exchanged on both sides.

MUSLIM COLLEGE FOR MADRAS

A. H. Khan And Others Collecting Funds In Bombay

BOMBAY, Tuesday: On behalf of the Madras Muslim Educational Association, Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan, M.L.A., Mr. Bashir Ahmed Sayeed and Mr. H. Kasim Seth have arrived in Bombay to collect funds for the establishment of a College in Madras city and for completing the hostel attached to the Osmania College at Kurnool.

HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Dr. Rasiklal Ramkrishna Thakar, the president of WIHM Association, Bombay, will represent Western India at the forthcoming 10th session of the AIHM Conference to be held at University Senate-Hall at Agra, on 26th and 27th inst., when he will address on the present situation of homeopathy in Bombay and the Homeopathic Enquiry Committee recently appointed by the Government of India's Health Ministry.

British Scientist In Bombay

BOMBAY Tuesday: Prof. S. Chapman, an eminent British Scientist and Professor of Natural Philosophy at the Oxford University, arrived in Bombay yesterday by air on his way to Allahabad where he will attend the Indian Science Congress.

Prof. Chapman today visited the Colaba Observatory and he inspected the various instruments maintained at the Observatory including self-recording instruments for various elements such as magnetic storms, earth-quakes, etc.

Exemption From Cloth Licensing Order

The Government of Bombay has issued an Order exempting from all the provisions of the Bombay Cotton Cloth Dealers Licensing Order, 1948, the dealers in tape, tapestry, umbrella cloth, canvas, filter cloth, rags, lint, gauze, bandage cloth and newar. No licence is required for the sale of these varieties of cloth. The dealers who had stocks of such cloth packed before August 1, 1948, in their possession on November 30, 1948 may sell them to consumers without any restrictions.

Mr. G. D. Tapase

Mr. G. D. Tapase, Minister for Industries, Fisheries and Backward Classes, will leave Bombay on a tour of Satara District on Wednesday, December 22. He will also visit Belgaum, on Saturday, December 25, and return to Bombay, on Sunday, December 26.

MADRAS, Dec 21 (API): The Madras Government have under consideration a proposal to establish shortly two Wage Boards for the province, one for agricultural labour and the other for industrial labour. The proposal envisages the appointment of Wage Committees for every district or group of districts to examine the service conditions of agricultural and industrial labour.

PROHIBITION PROPAGANDA

Area Committees To Be Formed

The Government of Bombay has accepted in principle the proposal to form Area Committees, up to a maximum of three in each district and each consisting of five or six members, to carry on Prohibition propaganda. The members of these committees will be social workers and local leaders representing special areas or group of homogeneous villages. It was found necessary to form such committees particularly in the worst affected areas, labour areas and amongst the backward communities in the districts.

IMPLICATIONS OF SWARAJ

Addressing a meeting arranged by the Progressive Students Association, Ghatkopar, under the Presidentship of Mr. Bhagwandas K. Ashar, Hon. Mr. Mavlankar explained at length what Swaraj meant. He said that Swaraj did not mean "Ghandhiji-Ki-Jay", nor did it mean replacing Indians in office previously occupied by foreigners. Because we received Swaraj many were fighting for securing their rights only, but he advised them not to fight for rights at this moment but to pay attention on what their duty was. He also advised leaders of the District and Provinces to avoid grouping.

MR. ISHWARDAS VARSHNEI DEAD

Pioneer In Glass Industry

"Death occurred to Mr. Ishwardas Varshnei on the 10th inst., at his residence at Bahjoi (U.P.) after a prolonged illness at a ripe old age. Mr. Ishwardas who was a self made man began his career as a glass technologist as early as 1900 by establishing a small glass factory near Aligarh. He was the instructor in glass technology at the Paisa Fund Glass Works, Talegaon Dabhade since 1908 to 1915. The Paisa Fund Glass Works owes all its achievements to the able guidance of Mr. Ishwardas Varshnei who not only conducted the institution well in its infancy, but he also trained a number of candidates who have later on stepped up to help the industrial growth of this country by establishing glass factories elsewhere throughout India.

Mr. Ishwardas was the first man in this country to establish a sheet glass plant at Bahjoi.

In appreciation of his devoted services to the Glass Industry, Mr. Ishwardas was appointed as the Chairman of the Glass Panel set up by the Government of India in the year 1945. He was for some time the President of the Indian Ceramic Society, The All-India Glass Manufacturers' Federation and the Society of Glass Technology, Sheffield, Indian Section, besides being a member of the various other advisory and research Committees appointed by the Government of India.

OPENING OF OUT-AGENCY AT DHARAMPUR

DHARAMPUR, (Via Bulsar), (By Mail).

The opening ceremony of Out-Agency at Dharampur was performed last week by Mrs. Navrojli Dungaji. The B.B. Railway has interested the contract of conveying passengers & carriage of parcel and goods to M/s. Percy Jal Vakil, an owner of large fleet of vehicles.

The facility afforded by Railway would greatly develop trade and industry of Dharampur and surrounding area.

It is a great venture of the Railway, as it is understood that no facilities of this kind exists any where on the B.B. & C.I. Railway Broad Gauge line.

The function was attended by officers of the Railway State, Government, public and merchants from different places.

Ramdas Kilachand's At Home To Governor

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Mr. Ramdas Kilachand, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, gave a tea party this evening at his Napean Sea Road residence in honour of His Excellency Raja Sir Maharaj Singh. The 300 guests who responded to Mr. Kilachand's invitation included Mr. M. C. Chagla, Chief Justice, Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, Mayor, Mr. G. V. Kitsen, United Kingdom Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Munshi, Mr. C. H. Bhabha, Former Commerce Minister, Mr. Ivor Jehu, Editor, "Times of India" and Mr. Joachim Alva, the new Sheriff.

Brabourne Elocution Trophy

The Brabourne Trophy Elocution Competition this year attracted several enthusiastic entries from most of the colleges in Greater Bombay, and there was keen rivalry in winning the Trophy. Amongst the subjects, "The Equality of Sexes" proved popular with some, and Mr. Sampson of the Ismail Yusuf College won the first prize. Others spoke on 'World Peace.' The standard of elocution as commented on by the President, the Hon. Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, was very high. The president stressed the importance of public speaking in the all-round education of a student to-day. The Trophy was carried away by the Elphinstone College, while Miss Nandini Mehta of the same College won the second prize.

Panch Mahals District Rural Development Board

The following gentlemen have been nominated as members on the District Rural Development Board, Panch Mahals: Messrs. Jayantilal Z. Patel, Jatashankar Vakil, T. M. Bhabhor, I. K. Desai, Gopaldas Dalal, L. M. Patel and C. M. Patel.

CALCUTTA TO SPORT MOTOR RICKSHAW

CALCUTTA, (UPA)—Over-populated and under-supplied in the matter of transport, Calcutta is likely to be the first city in India to sport the "motor rickshaw", it is believed.

Exhibited at the recent Cycle Show in London, the new types of public conveyance is reported to be a neat, tri-wheeled vehicle working on a 250 c.c. engine with a consumption of over 60 miles to the gallon. The driver steers by means of the single front wheel, and easy manoeuvrability makes the motor rickshaw a pre-eminently safe and convenient means of getting about along the traffic-tangled streets of a congested metropolis like Calcutta, it is considered.

There remain the problems of petrol allocation and the reaction of the thousands of rickshaw-pulers whose earnings are likely to be affected by the new means of transport. But initial setbacks in the popularization of the motor rickshaw are hoped to be overcome in time and the vehicle is expected to become a common sight not only in Calcuta but also in several other cities in the Far East, from where the British manufacturers are reported to have received a number of enquiries and hard orders.

Bribery Case Against Morarka

PROSECUTION WITNESS EXPLAINS HOW FABULOUS OFFER WAS MADE

BOMBAY, TUESDAY.

WHEN THE CASE IN WHICH GOKULCHAND DWARKADAS MORARKA, A MARWARI MILLIONAIRE AND CITY MILL-MAGNATE AND RAO BAHADUR DAMJIBHAI JETHABHAI SHAH, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATOR, WHO ARE CHARGED WITH OFFERING A BRIBE OF RUPEES ONE LAC TO INSPECTOR C. MIRANDA OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION BRANCH OF THE BOMBAY C.I.D., CAME UP FOR RESUMED HEARING BEFORE MR. K. J. KHAMBATTA, PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE, ESPLANADE POLICE COURT, TO-DAY, INSPECTOR MIRANDA WAS EXAMINED BY MR. B. D. BOOVARIVALLA, COUNSEL FOR THE PROSECUTION.

There was a breeze between Sir Hormaszdyar Dastur, Counsel for the second accused and Mr. Boovarivalla when Mr. Miranda told the Court that he informed Deputy Commissioner Moray of the developments, who in turn reported the matter to the Honourable Home Minister.

Sir Hormaszdyar objected to the statement being recorded saying that witness or Counsel for the Crown had no business to drag in the name of the Home Minister and that it was being deliberately done to give the matter importance.

Mr. Boovarivalla said that if Mr. Moray did inform the Home Minister, the statement was quite justified.

The Court upheld the objection.

Mr. Miranda stated that on the 26th April, 1948, Mr. Nusservanji Kalyanivalla came to his residence at Byculla and told him that Morarka would pay him rupees ten lacs if certain favours were shown to Morarka in the case pending against him.

After some persuasion Miranda asked Kalyaniwalla to convey to Morarka that he had agreed to accept the offer and that it should be paid in instalments. After Kalyaniwalla left his house Miranda reported the matter to his Deputy Commissioner.

After some negotiations Morarka contacted Miranda and during a visit to the A.C.B.'s office told him that one lac would be paid as the first instalment and the rest after the terms agreed upon were fulfilled. This incident took place on April 30th, 1948.

Miranda told him that it was ridiculously low and that it should be raised.

Miranda further stated that during the interview on the 30th Morarka said that he was pleased with him as he had changed his mind about the offer of illegal gratification and had agreed to accept it. Miranda told him that it was a fabulous offer that had been made through Kalyaniwalla and that he could not resist the temptation. Morarka also told him that he should help him in the case and said that he would pay one lac. Miranda asked for five lacs and ultimately agreed to accept one lac.

Concessions that were to be shown were, that the father of Morarka should be left out of the case, that the staff should not be harassed and that loopholes should be left in the case so that the accused may be let off.

The next meeting was on the following day, that is May 1. At this meeting the mode of payment was discussed. Morarka suggested the names of two friends. Miranda agreed to the name of the accused Shah. On May 4 about 6-30 p.m. Morarka and Shah came to his office and Shah was introduced to him. The three together then drove in a motor car to Bombay Central, where Morarka was dropped. In the office it was discussed that the money should be paid to Miranda's wife. Miranda therefore took Shah to his house and introduced him to his wife and friends.

The next day, May 5, the payment was to be made. On that day at 11 a.m. when Miranda was in his office, his wife telephoned that Shah had come to his house with the money to fulfil his promise. Miranda and Shah spoke over the telephone.

When Shah told him that he had gone to the Appollo Mills, where Morarka had paid him the sum of rupees one lac to be given to Miranda. He asked Miranda to come and take it soon as he was anxious to get rid of the bundle.

Miranda immediately reported the matter to the Deputy Commissioner.

At this stage the case was adjourned till tomorrow.

TERRIBLE FAMINE IN GUJARAT

Boring Work For Wells Begun: Shethias' Aid To Relief Committee

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20. (A.P.I.): "The present famine in Gujarat can only be compared in severity to the famine which visited the whole country 50 years ago", declared Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai, President of the Gujarat Famine Relief Committee, in an interview.

He added: "There are districts where there is no drinking water for human beings. The Gujarat Famine Relief Committee, formed on November 4, has been able to do considerable spade work. We have requested the Government of India to give us 50,000 feet of boring pipes, while we have secured 10,000 tons of cement from the companies, and these will be on the move from next week. We propose to carry out boring so that there may be sufficient drinking water and also water for raising fodder for cattle.

There are over three million cattle in the districts affected by famine, and to fetch grass for feeding them from other districts is a task which is difficult to be achieved with the present bottleneck of railway traffic. My Committee, therefore, propose to grow Napier and Guinea grass by the side of wells in plots of 100 and 200 acres. Each plot of 100 acres will be able to sustain 2,500 cattle throughout the summer months.

Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai said boring operations have already started in Gujarat. He was glad that the millowners of Ahmedbad had readily helped by making available to the Committee 15 lakhs of rupees for financing huge quantities of foodgrains, cement and pipes.

INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION IN HYDERABAD

Agricultural Co-operatives To Form Nucleus

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21.

With the political situation in Hyderabad fast returning to normal, the administration has expressed eagerness to co-ordinate with the Government of India their efforts to increase food production in the State. The State has normally a deficit of 70 to 80 thousand tons of rice and 10 thousand tons of wheat in her food supply and the need for stepping up food production is urgent.

The Additional Agricultural Development Commissioner of the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, recently visited the State on the invitation of the Chief Civil Administrator and had discussions on the agricultural problems of the State with the Minister for Rural Reconstruction, Nawab Zain Yar Jung and officials of the various departments concerned at Hyderabad. The State has large potentialities for increased production of food crops through the co-operative movement. Already in about 21,000 villages there are about 18,000 co-operatives. Of these, 4,000 are credit societies, the rest are grain banks which developed during the scarcity period. As members of these societies are mostly agriculturists, they should form a good nucleus on which to base an overall food production plan and efforts are being made to canalise the activities of these societies in this direction.

The present production of rice in the State is a mere fraction of what it can grow. It is about 4 lakhs of tons with an average of 839 pounds per acre. The use of town compost and other natural manures can increase the yield substantially as the soil appears to be deficient in organic matter. One experiment has shown that land treated with town compost has increased the yield to 4,000 lbs.

The Government of Hyderabad is now engaged in preparing a plan of increased food production on the lines of the policy laid down by the Agriculture Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi last September.

RAMA RAU DISCUSSES INDONESIAN SITUATION WITH LOVETT

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20 (REUTER)—SIR BENEGAL RAMA RAU, INDIAN AMBASSADOR, DISCUSSED THE INDONESIAN SITUATION WITH THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. ROBERT LOVETT, FOR 40 MINUTES TODAY.

The Indian Ambassador told correspondents afterwards that he had conveyed to the Acting Secretary the sentiments of the Indian Government on the situation.

He said these were fully stated in Pandit Nehru's statement.

ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENTS' REPRESENTATION

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Netherlands Ambasador in London has agreed to receive a deputation from the "Congress of Peoples Against Imperialism" tomorrow to discuss the Dutch action in Indonesia.

The deputation will be led by Mr Fenner Brockway, Chairman of the Congress and former Political Secretary of the Independent Labour Party, and will include a representative of the Socialist parties of Asia and the democratic national movements of Africa.

The "Congress of Peoples Against Imperialism" represents Socialist Parties in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Viet-Nam and Indonesia, democratic national movements in Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, Kenya, Gold Coast, Nigeria and European anti-imperialist movements.

U.S. OFFERS TO FLY SOVIET DELEGATE

PARIS, Dec. 20 (UPA)—The United States, moving in fast and hard to settle the new Dutch-Indonesian war, has even offered to fly the Soviet delegate out of Berlin on the airlift, an American spokesman said tonight.

The United States also took the lead today in preparing a resolution for the Security Council's meeting on Wednesday on the Indonesian fighting. The resolution at present would call for both sides to retire to positions they held before the fighting broke out Saturday and would call the situation a threat to peace if they refused.

The United States clearly considers the Dutch Government aggressor, informed quarters said.

MOSCOW RADIO'S REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter)—Moscow radio last night said that Dutch troops in Indonesia were using American and British tanks, bombers and machine-guns and added that "the new act of aggression was thoroughly prepared."

"For a year Dutch colonisers have done their best to weaken the Indonesian Republic and prepare for new war adventures", the radio said.

FRESH LIES FROM DUTCH GOVT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UPA)—Well informed Dutch circles here today said that there never was a complete deadlock between the Netherlands and Indonesian Republican negotiators but, at the same time, it never was possible to get anywhere.

They said it was quite clear the Indonesian army was at the back of the Republican policy of indecision. They said the army had a few trained troops and most of them were armed.

They said this was the reason why Republican Foreign Minister Hatta at his first conference in Indonesia with Dutch Foreign Minister Stikker appeared to be quite reasonable on good many matters and at the next conference with Stikker and the heads of the Dutch political parties he had to withdraw some of them due to the army pressure.

The sources said one or the things at the latter conference Hatta insisted on was that the Dutch should sign a protocol to the Renville Agreement by which they would never make use of their sovereignty, which the Agreement had provided for, during the period before the setting up of a federal government. They said the Dutch refused this because the Renville Agreement made the Dutch responsible for law and order during this period, yet under a protocol the Dutch would have to renounce this duty. They added that Hatta said he regretted making this condition but the Indonesian army insisted on this.

The circles said the latest messages from Batavia showed there was no one killed and only three were wounded during the Dutch occupation of Jogjakarta. They said there was no bombardment of the capital but only the air action consisted by silencing anti-aircraft batteries on the edge of the airfield which, like the capital, was captured intact.

'TIMES' COMMENDS NEHRU'S SPEECH

The 'Times', in a leader headed 'War in Indonesia' sand that the first task of the Security Council should be "to persuade the Dutch to resume negotiations".

"If they were determined to rely on force alone they might find themselves caught, like the French in Viet-Nam, in interminable military operations against guerilla forces in difficult country."

Commenting on the statement of the Indian Prime Minister on the Dutch action, the 'Times' said that Mr. Nehru was "voicing not for the first time the uneasiness felt by the other new nations of South-east Asia as well as by his own country at events in Indonesia."

The Labour paper "Daily Herald" predicted that "certainly no lasting solution will be found through the use of force, even though the Dutch armies may win swift-success."

British Cabinet To Be Re-Shuffled

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter)—Mr. Clement Attlee, the British Premier, is expected to make a Government re-shuffle within the next few weeks.

The changes are unlikely to be extensive and speculation that the Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin might relinquish office finds no support in informed quarters.

A considerable body of Parliamentary opinion would not be surprised by a change in the Defence portfolio, held by Mr. A. V. Alexander, in view of recurrent and growing political criticism of an "incoherent" defence policy.

TOJO'S END WITHIN 48 HRS.

TOKYO, Dec. 21. (Reuter): Hideki Tojo and his 6 fellow condemned men will be hanged within the next 48 hours, it is expected in Tokyo.

General MacArthur was informed early today of the United Stats Supreme Court's rejection of the appeal of two of the men against sentences passed by the International War Crimes Tribunal.

BANDITRY IN SUBURBAN HYDERABAD

Armed Masked Men Prey On Wealthy Residents

HYDERABAD CITY, (UPA)—Police are hunting a gang of well-armed bandits who pray on wealthy residents of suburban Hyderabad City.

Skillfully executed cash and jewel robberies have occurred this month in three outlying districts of the city. Police believe they were the work of the same gang.

In each case, a band of six or seven masked men forced their way into a home between 8 and 10 o'clock at night. Three of them held occupants of the house at bay with rifles while confederates systematically ransacked the house, smashing open family strong boxes and looting rooms of valuable articles.

Victims of the robberies said the bandits addressed each other by number rather than by name while the holdups were in progress. Telephone wires were cut. Each of the holdups was executed in less than ten minutes and the bandits escaped on foot.

The gang made their biggest haul when they escaped with more than Rs. 10,000 in cash and jewels from the Panjagutta home of a Central Bank of India official.

Hyderabad Problem In High Level Etiquette

HYDERABAD CITY, (UPA)— The military government has solved a problem in high level etiquette which arose in connection with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's forthcoming Christmas visit to Hyderabad.

Pandit Nehru had announced that while in Hyderabad he planned to meet the Nizam. The problem in etiquette was this:

Should the Prime Minister call at the Nizam's palace like any visitors from abroad? Or should the Nizam pay his respects at the Bolarum Residency where Pandit Nehru will be staying?

Local experts on diplomatic protocol scratched their heads and said there was no precedent for such a case. After several days the government announced the following solution in a published statement:

"The Prime Minister will call on H. E. the Nizam at 9.20 on the morning of December 25, and H.E.H. will return the call the same afternoon."

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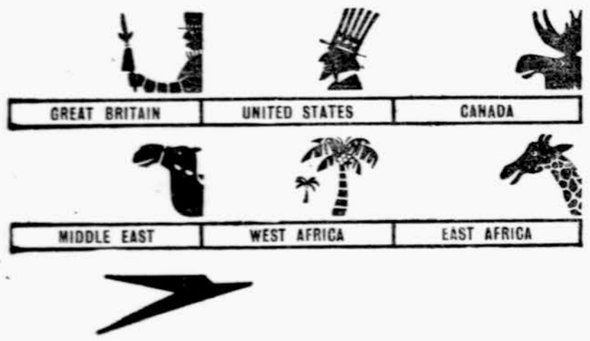

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Apparatus Decontaminating and Respirators Dust (stores lying at Northbrooke Jute Mills Depot).		
Dog Houses (lying at Belghurria, G. E. S. Depot).		
2. Camouflage Netting, Electric Cables and Wires, Photographic Films and Chemicals, Insulating Oil, Acids, Chemicals, etc.	Hoboken G. E. S. Depot, Kidderpore, Calcutta.	10 A.M. on 11.1.49

Permits to view the stores ex-site will be issued by the Director, United States Transfers, 6, Esplanade East, Calcutta, till January 5, 1949 (for Auction No. 1) and January 10, 1949 (for Auction No. 2)

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Today's Engagements

BOMBAY TAMIL SANGAM, MATUNGA: Lecture on "Kavithayum Kaliyanamum" by Supasri, at 8-30 p.m., today, Sangam at the Premises.

PRINCE OF WALES MUSEUM will remain closed to the public on Saturday, (25th Dec.), on account of the Christmas holiday.

SANSKAR MANDAL: Acharya Kaka Kalelkar will deliver a lecture on "Gandhism", today, St. Xavier's College, at 6 p.m.

HOLY MOTHER ANNIVERSARY: To celebrate publicly the ninety-sixth birth anniversary of the Holy Mother —the spiritual consort of Bhagwan Sri Ramakrishna—a public meeting will be held at the Ramakrishna Mission Library Hall today (Wednesday), at 4-15 p.m. Mrs. Saudamini G. Mehta, will preside.

HANDCRAFTS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION: The General Meeting of Handicrafts Teacher's will be held today (Wednesday), at 5-15 p.m., in the Elphinstone Technical School to form the "Handicrafts Teachers' Association."

MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Mr. V. P. Varde will give a talk on Co-operative Movement in other countries, at 5 p.m., at the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, today (Wednesday).

ALL-INDIA RADIO MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION: Extraordinary general meeting at 3-30 p.m., today, at the Indian Merchants' Chamber Hall, Opp. Churchgate Station, Bombay, to adopt the Revised Articles of the Association.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Controlling the Mind" will have short talk on followed by questions and answers today, at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

INDIAN TARIFF BOARD: The Board will hold a confedence of the representatives of the Sugar Industry and the representatives of Provincial and Central Governments, today (Wednesday and tomorrow (Thursday), at 11 a.m. in the office of the Board, Contractor Building, Nicol Road, Ballard Estate.

INDONESIA LEAGUE OF INDIA: The Working Committee of the Indonesia League of India will meet today to consider the present Indonesian situation and other business of the League".

BOMBAY ART SOCIETY: Mr. R. V. Leyden's lecture for students around current annual exhibition at C. J. Hall, (Wednesday), at 6 p.m.

Radio

BOMBAY, Wednesday, Dec. 22.
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7-30 a.m. Ahmed Dilawar (Geet) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Gajanan Karnad (Violin recital), 8-45 Taj Feature in Gujarati, written by Ramnik Thakur, produced by Air 12-0 p.m. Rang Tarang Variety programme of topical interest in Hindi, Urdu and Hindustani 12-30 Recorded Music (Indian) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Recorded Music 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Albert Sandler Trio 2-0 Paul Robeson—Records 2-10 Marek Webber and his Orchestra 4-20 School Broadcasts 5-0 V. A. Varadekar (Vocal music) 5-15 Meenakshi Trasey (Vocal music) 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Ahmed Dilawar 6-30 Meenakshi Trasey (Vocal music) 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Gajanan Karnad (Violin recital), 7-30 Talk in Hindustani 7-45 Rajkumari 7-55 Varyavarachi Varat 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Ahmed Dilawar 8-45 Feature in Gujarati: Written by Ramnik Thakur Produced by Air 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes Discussion in English 10-0 Gajanan Karnad (Violin recital) 10-30 Meenakshi Trasey (Vocal music).

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A.I.R. TO REPORT HISTORY CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21. (A.P.I.): On the occasion of the silver jubilee session of the Indian Historical Records Commission and the session of the Indian History Congress to be held at Delhi, A.I.R. Delhi will broadcast on December 22, at 9-40 p.m. an introductory talk by Prof. S. L. Poplai on 332.6 and 25.84 metres. On December 23, at 8-30 p.m. a radio report on the proceedings of the session which will also include excerpts from the recordings of the Prime Minister and the Education Minister's speeches on the occasion, will be broadcast on 332.6, 85.84, 31.15, 25.32 and 19.62 metres.

CONSEMBLY PRESIDENT AT GHATKOPAR

Mrs. and Mr. G. V. Mavlankar photographed at the Progressive Students' Association on Monday.

Weather Summary

POONA, Dec. 21, (A. P. I.): The following is the weather summary for Tuesday, (21st Dec.):—

Rainfall has been fairly widespread in South-East Madras and Malabar and occurred at a few stations in Mysore.

Night temperatures were above the normal in Rajputana, the United Provinces and the Southern half of the Peninsula.

FORECAST UNTIL THE EVENING OF 22ND:—Rainfall will occur locally in the southern districts of South-East Madras and Malabar, and in the hills of the East Punjab and the West United Provincec. A few falls of rain are also likely elsewhere in South-East Madras and Malabar and in the plains of the East Punjab.

Night temperatures may fall slightly in and near the south Bombay Deccan and the South Konkan.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, Dec. 21, (A. P. I.): The following is the weather-chart, showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall, in inches, for the past 24 hours, from 1st inst. and departure from the normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on Tuesday: Ahmedabad 89 63 0 0 0, Allahabad 83 49 0 0.1 minus 0.2, Baroda 90 51 0 0 0, BOMBAY 91 70 0 0 0, Calcutta 77 55 0 0 minus 0.2, Delhi 78 49 0 0 minus 0.3 Hyderabad (Dn.) 83 57 0 0 minus 0.2, Kanpur 75 49 0 0 minus 0.1 Karachi 62 0 0.1 0, Lahore nil, Lucknow 75 50 0 0 minus 0.2, Madras 83 71 T 1.7 minus 2.7, Mysore 78 65 0 0 minus 0.3, Nagpur 78 51 0 0 minus 0.3, Patna 74 51 0 0 minus 0.2, Peshawar nil, Poona 84 52 0 0 minus 0.1, Surat 91 62 0 0 0.

PREMISES ALLOTTED

The Bombay Land Requisition Office requisitioned 17 residential and three non-residential premises and allotted 48 residential and four non-residential premises in Greater Bombay during the week ended December 4 last. During the same period, 542 reports of suppressed vacancies were investigated.

Agricultural Debtors Relief Act Applied To Merged States

The Bombay Agricultural Debtors Act, 1947, has been applied to the States either merged or integrated with the Province, with effect from September 15, 1948. The Government has fixed June 15, 1949 as the last date for making applications for adjustment of debts under the Act.

Applications should be addressed to the court concerned, from whom application forms can be obtained.

Home Minister To Tour Gujarat Districts

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Morarji Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue, will leave Bombay, by plane, tomorrow, on a tour of Sabar Kantha and Banas Kantha Districts. He will return to Bombay, on Monday, December 27.

Industrial Disputes For Adjudication

The industrial disputes between 18 gum merchants of Bombay and their employees have been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. K. C. Sen. The continuance of any strike or lock-out in connection with the disputes has been prohibited.

The industrial disputes between the Cinema theatres in Poona and their employees have been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. M. C. Shah.

Bombay Assembly Bye-Election

The General Secretary of the B. P. C. C. writes: Under the authority vested in him by the resolution of the B. P. C. C. dated 3rd Dec. 1948, the President of the B. P. C. C. has nominated Mr. Adamali Mulla Noorbhai (Dedanwala) as a Congress candidate to contest the election for one seat in the Bombay Legislative assembly from the Bombay City South Muhammadan (Urban) constituency fallen vacant due to the unseating of Mr. H. A. Begmahomed. Mr. Dedanwala is a law graduate and a practicising solicitor.

Kurla Administrator Seeks Public Co-operation

(From Our Correspondent)

KURLA, Dec 21.

In declaring the Co-operative Consumers Society's Cloth Stores open on Sunday evening, Mr. Chandulal G. Shah, the Government Administrator of Kurla, said that he greatly appreciated the valued co-operation extended to him by the citizens of Kurla and also the press in bringing about all round improvement in the town. It was no use, Mr. Shah said, to rake up old controversies. Their attention should now be diverted to give the public better sanitation, better roads and better medical facilities. On his part, he assured them that he would do his very best for the town which had been sadly neglected for several years past.

Telegraph Notification

With immediate effect telegraph communication with Jewish and Arab controlled areas or Palestine resumed.

Alleged Assault On Municipal Food Official

BOMBAY, Tuesday: An official of the Health Department of the Bombay Municipality, Dr. Kamath and three food constables, were, it is alleged, assaulted by food vendors at Marine Drive, during the week-end. Dr. Kamath received minor injuries, but one constable, who was injured seriously, was admitted in the G.T. Hospital.

It was stated in the Court of Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, today, that Dr. Kamath, accompanied by the three constables, drove through Marine Drive, warning food vendors to keep wares properly covered. He, however, seized exposed food.

It was alleged that he and the constables were assaulted by some vendors. Two of them, Sham Narayan, and Kitarsingh Bhutasingh, were arrested by the Police.

The suspects were remanded to custody, pending further investigation.

Drama On Prohibition

The Lourdes' Union will be staging a play entitled "Prohibition" on Sunday, the 2nd January, 1949, at 5-30 p.m., in St. Xavier's College Hall, Cruickshank Road, His Excellency Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, will preside.

Cyclone Relief Fund

The following further contributions to the Cyclone Relief Fund have been received: "Sona Chandi Tolvano, Vepari Mandalno Dharmno" Kanto Khara Kurva Bombay-2; Rs. 5001 Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, Co-operation and Village Industries Rs. 500.

Government House News

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Governor of Bombay saw films of the Dunlop Rubber Co., on the occasion of the Company's Golden Jubilee at the Metro Cinema, where he was received by Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Ekers.

Sir Cowasji and Lady Jahangir, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. B. Symon Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Kitson, Dr. H. A. Sonderegger, Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Dravid, Mr. V. T. Dahejia, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Joshi, Prof. S. Chapman Mr. V. Kumar. Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Baliga, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bullock Mr. and Mrs. A. S. de Mello came to lunch.

His Excellency the Governor-General of Portuguese India Madame de Quintanilha e Mendonca Dias and Senhor and Madame de Lucena came to tea.

The Governor attended a Reception given by the President of the Indian Merchants Chamber, Mr Ramdas Kilachand, at his residence, 95, Nepean Sea Road.

M. P. Patil

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Forests and Agriculture will leave Bombay, for Harihar, on a tour of Mysore and the Kanara District, tomorrow. He will return to Bombay, on Sunday, January 2.

SILAM TAKEN TO CITY HOSPITAL

BOMBAY, Dec. 20 (API)—Mr. Silam, General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, who was injured at Jaipur railway station while getting down the staircase, was today brought to Bombay in a special plane and admitted to hospital.

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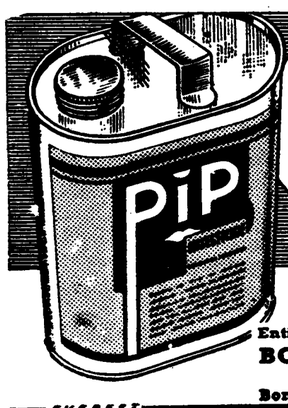

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES, Bombay Municipality (by order of the Municipal Commissioner) invites tenders for the following for the year 1949-50:—

Fabrication and/or supply of (1) Uniforms of the Municipal employees; (2) Hospital clothing (Tailored articles) and (3) Mattresses cotton and Mosquito curtains.

Tender forms giving full particulars and conditions together with any other relevant information can be had from his Office at 566, DeLisle Road, Bombay No. 11, on any working day except Saturday, between 10 A.M. (B.T.) and 4 P.M. (B.T.) and on Saturdays between 10 A.M. (B.T.) and 1 P.M. (B.T.)

Tenders for each schedule must be enclosed in separate covers.

Tenders shall be delivered at the Office of the Chief Accountant, Bombay Municipality, Fort, Bombay, ON FRIDAY, THE 14TH JANUARY, 1949, NOT LATER THAN 1 P.M. (B.T.).

Tenderers shall quote the rates exclusive of Sales Tax which will be paid where admissible.

Tender forms will not be sent by V.P.P. 2676

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

TENDER NOTICE.

GENERAL MANAGER invites tenders for the supply of 269 Nos. Benches teakwood Cane seats and back.

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Copy of Drawing No. 2965 (mod) may be purchased from the Office of the Dy. Chief Mechl. Engr: Lilooah, on production of receipt of payment of Rs. 1/8/- to Treasurer, E.I. Rly., Calcutta. Outside firms may remit by Money Order.

Closing date Tuesday, the 18th January, 1949 at 12 noon.

GENERAL MANAGER. 2674

SECRETARY, EAST PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SIMLA

(Advertisement No. 57)

INVITES APPLICATIONS on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury receipt or crossed postal order for Rs. 5/- not later than the 24th January, 1949 for a permanent post of ENTOMOLOGIST in the Punjab Agricultural Service, Class I, from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile and subjects of Kapurthala, Nabha, Faridkot, Malerkotla, Patiala, Jind and Bilaspur States. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of other Indian States and citizens of Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the East Punjab Government will be necessary in their case before appointment. Candidates should hold Science degree from a recognised University with agricultural Zoology including Entomology as one of the subjects. Graduates in Agriculture preferred. They should further have had post-Graduate Training leading to higher Research Degree preferably Ph. D. in Entomology from a recognised Foreign University. They should possess at least 5 years, experience in conducting and guiding Research work and administration of a First Class Entomological Section and also experience in planning and conducting research in Entomology as well as experience of and familiarity with field-scale pest control operations. Candidates should be familiar with Entomological teaching and research and control operations in foreign countries, preferably England, America or Canada and have research publications to their credit. No age-limit. Preference will be given to displaced Government servants from West Punjab and War Service candidates. Pay: Rs. 350-40-750/40-950/50-1200. Government servants eligible. Women not eligible. Further particulars on applications. (2677)

No. D/1600
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF FOOD (DIVISION II)
Office of the Chief Director of Purchase, New Delhi.
Tel.:— "PURFOOD"
Jamnagar House,
Dated the
16th December, 1948.

TENDER NOTICE

THE CHIEF DIRECTOR of Purchase, Ministry of Food, (Div. II) Jamnagar House, New Delhi, invites tenders for 5,000 tons of sugar Crystal (about 2,000 tons for stations in E.P., U.P., Bihar and West Bengal, and 3,000 tons for stations in Madras, Bombay and C.P.) of Grades 'D', 'E', 'F' in colours, Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Tender forms containing full particulars and conditions of supply may be obtained from the Chief Director of Purchase, New Delhi, on payment of Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten only) per set which should be made in cash or by money order only (cheques will not be accepted.) Tender forms are not transferable. Applications for tender forms will be received up to 30.12.48 only.

Applications not already on the list of approved contractors with the Ministry of Food, must state in their application for tender forms the name of their bankers. (2646)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED that Messrs. PRAMOD AND COMPANY or their Proprietor, Mr. R. V. FADNAVIS has no concern with the Jwala Assurance Co., Ltd., Head Office, Agra: Branch Office, Sohrab House, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. (2678)

NOTICE OF TENDER

MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES.

TENDERS are invited particularly from contractors who own their own workshops and who are borne on the approved list of M.E.S. and within whose financial limits the value of the work lies, by the Chief Engineer, Southern Command, Poona, and to be supplied at Poona, Bombay and Jubbulpore. The work is estimated to cost about Rs. 5,00,000/-.

Other furniture dealers, though not on the M.E.S. list but owning furniture workshops may also apply for tenders and before the tender documents are issued to them they will be required to show proof of their suitability for the work and to enlist themselves with M.E.S. as approved contractors.

The articles of furnitures required are, Dressing Dinning and Centre Tables, Chairs of various Ivors, Sofa sets, Book Cases, Chest of Drawers with Mirrors, Beds, Ward robes in the shelves, Almirahs food and mass utensils, etc. The exact number required to be supplied will be indicated in the Tender documents.

Application for tender forms must be submitted on or before 3rd January 1949 to the Chief Engineer, Southern Command, Poona. The Contractors are advised to inspect the samples reffered to above before they apply for Tender Documents.

Copies of the conditions of contract, Drawing and the samples of furniture in connection with supply would be open for inspection in the office of the Chief Engineer, Southern Command, Poona, during office hours.

Tender documents will be issued on and after 4th January, 1949.

Tender will be received on 13th January, 1949. 2661

THE PORT CANNING AND LAND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office, No. 127, Esplanade Road, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd. DECEMBER, 1948, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th. April, 1948.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect two Directors in place of those who retire, but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the year ending 30th April, 1949, and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd to 23rd. DECEMBER, 1948, both days inclusive, and during that period the Books of the Company will be available for inspection by Shareholders during office hours.

N.B.— 1. Shareholders desiring dividend to be paid to Banks or other Mandatees should register the Mandates with the Company before 10th December, 1948.

2. Intimation of any change of address should be given to the Company immediately.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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No. F/550(1)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD (DIV. II)
Office of the Chief Director of Purchase.
New Delhi, dated 16-12-1948.
Telegrams: 'PURFOOD'

TENDER NOTICE

THE CHIEF DIRECTOR of Purchase, Ministry of Food (Div. II), Jamnagar House, New Delhi, invites tenders for the supply of 300 tons tinned milk (sweetened condensed or unsweetened evaporated) from stockists/importers for delivery by 28-2-49 in three equal instalments during January and February.

Price for tender forms etc. is Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten only) per set and is not refundable. Payment should be made in cash or by Money Order only (cheques will not be accepted) to the Chief Director of Purchase, quoting the tender No. F/550(1) as well as the Remitter's full Postal address on the coupon. In the case of telegraphic money orders unless full postal address is given Tender Forms will not be sent. Applications for tender form will be received upto 30th December, 1948.

Applicants not already on the list of approved Contractors with the Ministry of Food must state in their application for tender forms the name of their bankers. (2657)

PUBLIC NOTICES

G.I.P. RAILWAY —TENDERS

THE GENERAL MANAGER, G.I.P. Railway, Victoria Terminus Bombay, invites tenders for the fabrication and supply of Brake Blocks (BG) (Iron Casting) to I.R.S. Drawing No. W. 900 Alt. 2 and to I.R.S. Specification No. M. 14. Tender forms obtainable from the Controller of Stores, G.I.P. Railway, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2/- per copy, not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date Tuesday the 11th January, 1949 at 3 P.M. (S.T.). (2673)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF VEHICLES AND ANIMALS.

MUNICIPAL WHEEL TAX for the fourth quarter of the year 1948-49 (January to March, 1949) falls due on the 1ST OF JANUARY, 1949. Owners of Motor Vehicles are requested to pay the tax due to the Ward Inspectors of the Assessment and Collection Department or to send the amount direct to the Assessor and Collector, at the Municipal Head Office, Fort, Bombay. Their attention is invited to the provisions of Sections 188, 190 and 191 of the City of the Bombay Municipal Act.

As the liability to pay wheel tax goes with the possession of the vehicle, intending purchasers of Motor vehicles would do well to verify BEFORE PURCHASE WHETHER MUNICIPAL WHEEL TAX ON THE VEHICLES HAS BEEN PAID UP-TO-DATE.

Owners of HAND-CARTS and BULLOCK CARTS, are likewise liable to pay the tax. They are requested to pay the tax due to the authorities named above and to obtain number plates in token of the payment.

B. K. PATEL,
Municipal Commissioner.
Bombay, 22nd December, 1948. 2675

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

IN THE NOTICE published on the 18th, Dec. 1948, relating to the firm of Messrs. Thakkars in column 1 page 3 please read the following words in the last line viz. the date of the commencement of the firm i.e. 2nd November, 1948, instead of the words "as from the said date."

MODY & CO.
Attorneys for Messrs. Thakkars
Bombay, 21st December, 1948.

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT THE JUNCTION OF KUMBHARWADA ROAD AND 2ND DUNCAN CROSS LANE.

Under instructions from Messrs. Mattubhai Jamietram and Madan, Attorneys for the Mortgagees M/s. Mahomed Ahmed Moloobhoy, Sultan Ahmed Moloobhoy, and Sheriff Mahomed Moloobhoy, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor, Shahjadidevi, wife of Sham Shanker Jaimangal Upadhya and pursuant to the Power of Sale given in the Deed of mortgage dated 26-4-45, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will TODAY WEDNESDAY, 22-12-48 at 4 p.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction on the premises:— freehold land with dwelling house, situate at the junction of Kumbharwada Road, and 2nd Duncan Cross Lane, about 278 sq. yards Municipal St. No. 43-47-53 to 63 and bounded on the East by sweepers' passage, on the West by Kumbharwada Road, on the North by Duncan Road 2nd Cross Lane and on the South by the property of Mr. Narayan.

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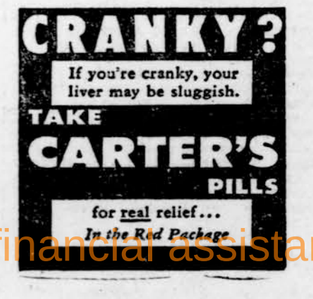

ENFORCEMENT OF DISCIPLINE ON GOVT. EMPLOYEES

STRONG ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED IN R. S. S. SAYS MORARJI DESAI

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister Government of Bombay told pressmen today that in addition to legal action stringent departmental action will be taken against those Goverment employees who have arrested for R.S.S. activities in the province. Mr. Desai added that this was absolutely necessary in order to enforce discipline in the rank and file of the Government employees.

Inquiries reveal that so far about 200 employees of the Central and provincial Governments and other semi-Government bodies have been arrested in the province since the drive against the R.S.S movement started about two weeks back.

Mr Desai further said that the charges against the arrested Government employees will first be investigated. The departmental action to be taken thereafter will take the shape of summary dismissal, or demotion or some other punishment according to the degree of the offence committed.

A high-placed Government official told a representative of this paper that the Government was convinced that the R.S.S. movement was preplanned. As a proof of this statement he cited the fact that on November 17 last all the arrested R.S.S. volunteers in all the jails of the provinces went on a hunger-strike simultaneously. When asked all of them gave the same reply, namely that the strike was a protest against the ill-treatment meted out to volunteers in other jails. This indicated that they were working according to a premeditated plan.

The same official further revealed that some of those arrested volunteers were Congressmen who were led away by vile propaganda of the R.S.S.

MAKING EATING HOUSES SAFE

Bombay Municipality Issues Cardinal Points For Food Sanitation

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Due to certain Socio-Economic factors, the practice of eating away from home is growing among the city dwellers. Thousands frequent restaurants and eating houses as their crowded conditions at tiffin or meal time testify. This calls aloud for the perfect sanitation of the public eating houses in the city.

It is, therefore, more important than ever before that such establishments be conducted in a sanitary manner in the interest of public health. Restaurants and eating establishments must be safe, otherwise they literally become the releasing houses of death's ammunition—the disease germs such as bacteria and microbes. Many dangerous diseases as per example Tuberculosis, Cholera, Typhoid, Dysentery and Diarrhoea—not to talk of the alarming increase of cases of food poisoning—spread through infected food. The contamination is caused by a single food handler and is often responsible for the illness of many people.

It is indeed sad that the city can boast of having only a limited number of good hotels. The condition of very many hotels is not only far from satisfactory, but it is at times shocking. The proprietors have both the eyes fixed on the profit side instead of having one eye on the profit and the other eye on the safety and health of the numerous clients. The dirty habits still go unchecked and the most elementary principles of sanitation are not observed. Food is exposed to man's most dreaded enemies and disease carriers like flies, cockroaches, rats and other vermins, and also to dust and dirt. Dirty dishes are dipped in a bucket of dirty water or put underneath a running tap. No attention is paid to the preparation of clean food and decent serving of it. The root cause of this evil that has persisted is the lack of health knowledge on the part of both the proprietors and the employees. They hardly realise that actually it is the dirt or the invisible germ that is most dangerous.

Persistent efforts have therefore got to be made to make the eating houses safe. This could be done by enforcement of sanitary rules, persuasion, hea... propaganda and finally by strict legislation.

The five cardinal points for food sanitation are:—

(1) Sterilization of eating utensils at 180 deg. F. to kill germs. Disease is conveyed from uerson to person via utensils, use of the same dishes, glasses, forks, spoons, in the course of the day by many persons.

(2) Keeping refuse tins tightly covered to prevent flies and other disease carrying insects from feasting and subsequently contaminating the food.

(3) Keeping food articles covered preferably under glass cases and thereby protected from flies and sneezes and coughs of the food handlers.

(4) Demanding health examination certificates before the engagement of an employee. Usually food handlers are often carriers of Typhoid fever. This would rule out Tuberculosis, V. D. and skin diseases also.

(5) Insistence of the proprietors from the employees upon certain standards of personal cleaniless and habits. Cleaning of hands, before preparing food with soap and water and coming from W.C and wiping them with a clean napkin are absolutely necessary. For this the proprietors must make arrangements for their employees for a lavatory, hot water soap and towels.

Other little points of great value may well be remembered also.

(1) Taking anti-fly measures, (2) Keeping fingers off the food and dishes. (3) Keeping the head of the servant covered. (4) Using a fork or a pair of tongs for taking out solid food stuffs. (5) Keeping dirty dishes off the counters and tables, and keeping them spotlessly clean. (6) Allowing the clean dishes to dry on clean racks or shelves and not wiping it dry by towels. (7) Forbidding an employee to handle fod when he is sick.

Remember that the proprieors of eating establishments hold an important position both in public health work and civic life, and as such must rise to the fullest stature in making their hotels safe and aid the Health Authorities to maintain public health at a high level. Remember that the health of your customers is in your hands, and your first concern.

(Issued by the Propanganda Section. Health Dept., Bombay Municipality)

Bombay Plan To Nationalise Bus Service

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20 (API). In pursuance of the policy of the Government of Bombay to nationalise the passenger bus service throughout the province by 1950-51, special Officer has arrived here to make preparations to take over the passenger bus service in Ahmedabad district some time in March and later on in Kaira district.

The doctor comes to the village

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RARELY is it possible for an Indian village to have a fully-qualified resident doctor of its own, and so when grave illness occurs it is from the nearest subdivisional town that the doctor must be called. This means miles of rough travelling—sometimes by car, sometimes by cart, sometimes even on foot—for a man who is probably already over-strained with work. Yet the doctor always comes. No man is doing more for the betterment and progress of India than the doctor, whose life is spent so unselfishly in the service of others.

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Australia And Arab League Call For Immediate Cease-Fire

DUTCH DEFY U. N. CONDEMNATION: OCCUPY GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE HQ

LONDON, Dec. 21, (Reuter): An Indonesian Republican spokesman in Paris claimed today the recapture of the Republican capital of Jogjakarta taken by Dutch paratroopers on Sunday when they began their new drive in Java.

The spokesman quoted the Republican Radio for the report and said that rebellion had broken out against the Dutch in both east and west Java.

Main resistance centres were Buitzerzorg, 30 miles from Batavia, in the wecst, and Bondowose and the port area of Problingo in the east.

No reports of Jogjakarta's recapture had been received by this afternoon by the Dutch authorities at the Hague.

DUTCH OCCUPY U. N. HQ.

Dutch forces have occupied Kalurang near Jogjakarta, where the United Nations Good Offices Committee had its headquarters, a Reuter despatch from Batavia said.

Nothing had yet been heard of the Australian and Belgian Committee members, cut off there with 12 of the staff when hostilities begun.

HOPE TO FINISH JOB IN SIX MONTHS

A Dutch spokesman at the Hague said today that although main military operations in Indonesia were "not expected to take very long", he estimated four to six months would be needed to mop up guerillas.

He said that the first aim of Dutch strategy had been to cauture the Republican leaders, most of whom were earlier reported held by paratroop in Jogjakarta.

Dutch troops which began their drive south at midnight on Saturday had reached Poerwordio, 20 miles west of Jogjakarta, the spokesman said.

At one village on the road, Indonesians had carried out a scorched earth policy.

WHERE REDS ARE BUSY

A southern column was making for Soekartra, 50 miles north-east of Jogjakarta and a north-eastern force for Hembang, 100 miles north-east of Semarang, an important seaport where "many Communist gangs were known to be operating."

Dutch Marines landed at Tegdan, 150 miles north-east of Jogjakarta and forked out south-east to the big oil centre at Tjepoe, and further south to the strategic town of Bojonegoro.

At the south-end of the truce line, where 100,000 Republican troops were said to be massing, Dutch troops from the Malang garrison centre, 200 miles east of Jogjakarta, went south to disperse a reported concentration of 14,000 Republicans.

All operations were proceeding according to plan, the spokesman added.

The spokesman denied that Dutch planes had bombed Jogjakarta itself, but said it was possible that anti-air craft positions near the airfield had been bombed.

According to two Americans and a Briton evacuated from the Republican capital Dutch planes bombed Jogjakarta and strafed vehicles in the streets, Reuter reported from Batavia.

SECURITY COUNCIL ASKS FOR REPORT

Hilversum Radio quoted a spokesman of the United Nations Good Offices Committee in Batavia today as saying that the Security Council had asked the Committee to report on the military situation.

Indonesia To Set Up Exile Govt. In India?

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, Dec. 21: The foreign Office is receiving hourly reports about happenings in China which are consiof war. As they may seriously affect dered very significant since the end the balance of power in Far East Allies are yet undecided about their attitude towards the Communist Government in China, but it is believed the British Foreign Office are encouraging British businessmen to carry on even if the Communists take over. But this question not of The Dutch Government are being urged to get a settlement quickly in Indonesia.

It is believed here that Indonesian patriots will set up a Government-in-Exile in India.

Arab League Demands Cease Fire

CAIRO, Dec. 21, (Reuter): The Arab League has asked the United Nations Security Council to order the Netherlands Government to cease its operations in Indonesia.

In a cable sent to the Council's President by Nazzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the League, the Dutch action was described as "an aggression against the independence of the Indonesian Republic — contrary to international practice in the settlement of conflicts and to the principles of the United Nations Charter".

The Arabs charged the Dutch with imposnig a "regime which the Indo-

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FORMAL CHARGE IN U. N. AGAINST DUTCH

PARIS, Dec. 21 (UPA): The United Nations Committee of Good Offices charged formally today that the Dutch attack against the Indonesian Republic had violated the Renville truce agreement.

The Committee asked the Security Council to take up "the truce violation" as a matter of the "utmost urgency."

An American resolution would call the Indonesian fighting a threat to peace if a cease-fire order was not obeyed. This would open the way for sanctions against whichever side did not agree.

It was no secret that the Americans considered the Dutch aggressors.

Dutch Defy U. N. Condemnation

PARIS, Dec. 21, (UPA): The Dutch Government today defied United Nations condemnation of its plans to set up an Interim Government of Indonesia where the Republican forces reportedly had recaptured their capital city of Jogjakarta.

In a letter to the Security Council, which is scheduled to meet tomorrow to take up the Indonesian crisis, the Dutch repeated their determination to set up an "Interim Government before the year ends.

The letter said that the Dutch had always agreed that the Indonesian Republic was to have a place in the Interim Government but that other Indonesians outside the Republic could not be expected to wait any longer or the federal administration promised them.

A few hours later, another letter from the Dutch informed the Council that the Dutch has "taken the measures to re-establish the questions o. peace and security" in Indonesia and that no United Nations intervention "can be of further assistance."

U. S. CALLS IT THREAT TO PEACE

The Dutch stand was maintained in face of the tough attitude by the United States toward the developments in Indonesia. The Americans were taking the lead in drafting a resolution calling on the Dutch to retire to their old positions.

The United States clearly considers the Dutch Government as the aggressor in Java and Sumatra, informed quarters said, and is prepared to declare the situation a threat to peace.

Meanwhile, the Security Council received a letter from its Good Offices Committee in Indonesia charging that the Dutch attack against the Indonesian Republic violated the Renville Truce Agreement and asking that the matter be considered with the utmost urgency.

BURMESE PREMIER'S APPEAL TO NEHRU

Call Asiatic Conference To Aid Indonesia

RANGOON, Dec. 21, (Reuter): Prime Minister Thakin Nu urged India to take the initiative in calling a conference of Asiatic countries to consider aid to Indonesia in her "valiant and righteous struggle against aggressive imperialism".

In a telegram to Pandit Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, Thakin Nu said Burma would gladly "play her full part in whatever steps were decided upon at such a conference".

He expressed deep indignation at the "unawarranted Dutch attack."

Indo-Ceylon Air Agreement Signed

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21, (API): The Government of India and Ceylon have signed a bilateral Air Transport Agreement, a press communique from the Ministry of Communications announced here today.

Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Minister for Communications signed on behalf of the Government of India and Mr M. W. H. De Silva High Commissioner for Ceylon in India, on behalf of the Government of Ceylon.

The Agreement is the result of negotiations conducted here in October this year between delegations of the Two Governments and follows the pattern of bilateral agreements concluded by the Government of India with other Governments.

The agreement consists of 13 articles and an annex and defines the conditions under which scheduled air services are to be operated between the territories of Ceylon and India.

It provides for the categories of traffic which may be carried, determination of capacity the use of airports, control of rates for carriage of passengers and cargo between the territories of the two parties and exchange of information and statistics. It also makes provision for settlement of disputes relating to interpretation or application of the agreement.

SPECIFIC AIR ROUTES

The annex describes the specific routes to be operated by the airlines of the two contracting parties. An airline designated by the Government of Ceylon is accorded the right to operate air services on the following routes and to make traffic stops in India at the places named:—

Colombo or Kankesanturai to Trichinopoly;

Colombo or Kankesanturai to Madras;

Colombo or Kankesanturai to Trivandrum;

Colombo—Trichinopoly or Madras—Bombay and beyond.

An airline designated by the Government of India is entitled to operate on the following routes:—

Bombay to Colombo and, if desired, beyond;

Madras to Colombo and, if desired, beyond;

Trichinopoly to Colombo or Kankesanturai;

Trivandrum to Colombo or Kankesantural.

CONGRESS PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO RANGOON

MADRAS, Dec. 21, (UPI): It is understood that an Indian delegation to Burma, led by the Congress President, will leave Delhi for Rangoon on January 9, to discuss with the Burma Government questions concerning the Land Nationalisation Bill in so far as it affects Indian interests there. The delegation will return to Delhi on January 14.

An A.P.I. message adds:

The delegation will, it is learnt, include Mr. K. Kamaraja Nadar, President, Tamilnad Congress Committee Mr. B. Gopal Reddi, and Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Ministers, Madras Government. An official announcement is expected shortly.

KOMMANDATURA MINUS RUSSIA

Control Body For 3-Power Zones Of Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuter): The three Western Commandants in Berlin today formerly set up a Three Power Government in the British, French and United States sectors of the city.

This announcement was made by General Jean Ganeval, French Commandant, in the Allied Kommandatura Headquarters conference room.

A U.P.A. message adds: The announcement came after the first official Kommandatura meeting since the Russians left the four-power body on June 16, 1947.

In a formal declaration, the Commandants left the door open for the Russians to return to the Kommandatura.

Meanwhile, the three Western Commandants announced that the Soviet boycott of the Kommandatura could not end the Allied Council because it had been established by agreements concluded on a Governmental level.

Diwakar To Visit Bombay

BOMBAY, Tuesday (API): Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of state for Information and Broadcasting, will arrive in Bombay on January 4 on an inspection tour of A. I. R.'s installations here. He is scheduled to stay in the city for three days and will fly to New Delhi on the morning of January 7.

Mr. Diwakar will earlier visit Madras, Bangalore, Hubli and Pooona leaving Delhi on December 25.

Former State Department Official Leaps To Death

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (Reuter) Laurence Duggan, a former State Department official alleged to have been implicated in a Communist spy ring, jumped to his death from a New York building last night.

The House of Representatives Un-American activities Committee said that Duggan, who was 43, had been named as "among those who passed confidential information out to a Communist spy-ring courtier."

French And Italian Foreign Ministers Meet

CANNES, Dec. 21 (Reuter) M Robert Schumann and Count Carlo Sporza, French and Italian Foreign Ministers, have agreed that close Franco-Italian collaboration is a necessary basis for a European organisation, an official 'communique announced today.

At their conference here, the ministers found "perffect identity of views" between the French and Italian Governments on the main problems of the day, the "Communique" said.

Delhi Talks On Kashmir

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (UPI): The military situation in Kashmir was discussed between Dr. Alfredo Lozano, Member of the Advance Party of the U. N. Kashmir Commission, and Lt-Gen. K M Cariappa, Commander-in-Chief-designate of India today.

Dr Lozano and other members of the Commission met Sheikh Mohamed Abdullah, Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir at lunch at the Kashmir Emporium today.

INDO-AMERICAN TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP

Final Directive Awaited From Delhi & Washington

LOY HENDERSON'S DISCLOSURES TO PRESS: "WE ARE ANXIOUS THAT OUR RELATIONS WITH INDIA SHOULD BE IN A TREATY WAY"

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.): The American Ambassador in India, Mr. Loy W. Henderson, giving his first press conference after arrival in India, declared today that his purpose in India would be to continue to promote the cordial relations between India and the United States which already rested upon a sound basis.

Mr. Henderson stated that there was "receptive feeling" on the part of India." There is thus no reason why it should not be possible to build up co-operatively good relations between the two countries which would be an example to the rest of the world", he said.

TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP

Asked how far the talks between the Government of India and the United States for a treaty of friendship had proceeded. Mr. Henderson stated that there had been a number of exploratory talks on the subject between the representatives of the two countries. They were now awaiting final instructions from their respective Governments. He hoped that something final would soon come out of these discussions and added. "We are very anxious that the basis of our relations with India shall be laid firmly in a treaty way. It would help to solve a lot of problems".

MARSHALL AID TO INDIA

In reply to question whether America would extend Marshall aid to India and the other Asian countries, Mr. Henderson explained at length that the United States decided to extend aid to the European countries to increase the productive capacity of these countries which had a high industrial potency before the war. Such increase in production would, it was felt, lessen the load of world production which America was bearing after the war. Explaining as to why Europe in preference to other areas was chosen for this purpose, Mr. Henderson stated that it was felt that a machine or a dollar spent in the European countries would produce more than an equivalent amount spent anywhere else.

This financial assistance by the United States to Europe had been criticised on the ground that it was an attempt to foster American economic imperialism in these countries. Denying this, Mr. Henderson declared that America had never used Marshall aid to bring any pressure on any country receiving that aid. On many occasions in world counsels, he pointed out, some of these countries receiving Marshall Aid had held views which were opposed to American foreign policy.

INDONESIAN ISSUE

He had been asked yesterday by someone why the United States could not deny Marshall aid to the Dutch because of their policy in Indonesia. The United States Government was very much exercised over the Indonesian business and she was taking steps to have the matter raised in the Security Council. But she could not, because Holland was receiving Marshall Aid, exercise political pressure on the Dutch. It was not easy to use economic aid for political purposes without finding oneself enmeshed in economic imperialism.

AMERICAN AID TO INDIA INDICATING THE LINES ON WHICH INDIA MIGHT GET ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES MR. HENDERSON STATED IT WAS THE BASIC POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES TO AID INDIA, IN SO FAR AS IT WAS POSSIBLE, QUITE EFFECTIVELY WITH SUCH RESOURCES AS IT HAD FOR INDIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY COULD HELP INDIA DEPENDED: FIRSTLY, ON HOW MUCH THE UNITED STATES HAD. SECONDLY, ON WHAT INDIA WANTED AND THIRDLY, TO WHAT EXTENT SUCH HELP WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING PRODUCTION AND PROSPERITY IN INDIA. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF WAYS:

Firstly, there was the International Bank, which seemed to him the most logical approach. It was not an American institution and India was a member of the Bank. If India was interested in obtaining loans from the International Bank and told the Bank what the loans were intended for and if the Bank approved of these plans, she would extend loans to India.

A second source of possible assistance was the United States Export and Import Bank, which was an American institution. It was an institution which did not take orders from the State Department; Nevertheless, it was used for facilitating foreign trade and promoting specific projects of Extreme consequence for Government trade. It was quite possible that some propositions might be made from India—either by private capitalists or by Government themselves—which would meet with the requirements of the Import Export Bank, and loan would be made.

NO NEED FOR SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL AID

A third source was aid by special Acts of Congress, but this, Mr. Henderson pointed out, was made only in extremely exceptional circumstances. He did not look forward to any special Act of Congress being made for aiding India, although he could not prophesy what the Congress would do. India was no doubt in great need of financial assistance to carry on her economic development programme, but he did not think any emergency situation existed to warrant special Congressional aid.

Declaring that America was interested in developing friendship with India, Mr. Henderson stated that such friendship would be possible without curtailing India's friendship with any other country. Time and again he heard people talking of "blocs", but he was sure that the men who worked out America's foreign policy had no desire for any bloc whatsoever.

U. S. INTENTIONS

The United States had no intention of claiming any spheres of influence anywhere. The United States merely asked for friendship and would extend her hand of friendship to any country in the world, provided that country conformed to the principles laid down in the United Nations Charter. These principles, he stated, must be lived up to if there was to be an orderly world and prosperity. The United States was not interested in setting up blocs against any country.

MR. HENDERSON STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WANTED CULTURAL RELATIONS, APART FROM ECONOMIC RELATIONS, TO DEVELOP BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES. THERE WERE ALREADY MORE THAN 1,500 INDIAN STUDENTS UNDERGOING TRAINING IN VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE U.S.A. IT WAS HOPED TO START VERY SOON AN INDIAN RADIO PROGRAMME FROM THE UNITED STATES IN HINDI AND URDU, TO COVER THE WHOLE SUBCONTINENT OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN.

Mr. Henderson stated that it was encouraging to note the increasing interest in India and Indian affairs on the part of the United States and its people and vice versa. American interest in India was not confined to merely economic, political and social developments but was also manifesting itself in the spiritual and ethical aspects of Indian life.

Paying a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi Mr. Henderson said the spiritual values taught by Mahatma Gandhi had made a deep impression on the people of the United States.

'RESUME WORK IN NATIONAL INTERESTS'

C. P. Govt.'s Appeal To Empress Mill Strikers To Redeem Given Pledges

LABOUR UNIONS' BID TO RESOLVE DISPUTE

NAGPUR, Dec. 21 (API): Declaring that the refusal of the textile workers of the Empress Mills to work is "A clear breach of the pledge and contrary to the best interests of both the workers and the industry" the Provincial Government in a eight-hundred-word "communique" today asked them to resume work forthwith.

BREACH OF AWARD

After reviewing the developments in the labour dispute, which ended in the strike and the subsequent lockout by the Mill Management the "communique" states that it was the duty of the workers representatives to ensure that the pledge given by them was redeemed. The terms of the award of the C. P. Industrial Tribunal, the "communique" says, are binding on both the parties, labour and employers, and it is an offence to commit breach of any term of the award.

ALLOCATIONS FAIR

Dealing with the objections of workers who went on strike on December 16 last, the Government say that they consider that the work allocation as now finalised by the Industrial Tribunal after hearing the objections from workres, is fair and compares favourably with similar work allocation in other parts of the country. In centres like Bombay, Ahmedabad and Cawnpore the work allocation of spinners is much heavier, while the rates for weavers in Nagpur are decidedly more liberal.

Stressing that the workers will lose Rs. 30,000/- a day or Rs. seven and a half lakhs a month in wages, and that one day's stoppage of work in mills means a loss of nearly one lakh of yards of cloth, the Government urge the workers in the national interest to resume work.

The "communique" adds that the Mill Management may find it necessary to recruit fresh labour to restart work, and in such an event, the recalcitrant workers will lose permanent employment. Government will not then be able to help them.

UNIONS DISCUSS SITUATION

Representatives of all textile unions in Nagpur today discussed the situation created by the Empress Mills lockout resulting in the closure of five textile mills.

The meeting, convened by the sponsors of the labour unions working under the guidance of the Socialist Party, resolved to continue further talks with the mill management on the basis of the workers view point, as ascertained at meetings of the textile unions' executive bodies.

The workers object to the new method of work allocation for spinners as prescribed by the C. P. Industrial Tribunal, stating that it would be impracticable for one spinner to complete the work aljotted to him within the specified time-limit by handling spindles in excess of what he is normally expected to do.

TALKS TO PROCEED

Negotiations are to continue for resolving the dispute and for resumption of normal working of mills with both the Labour Commissioner to Government and the mill management.

The mill-owners and the Labour Commissioner, it is learnt, insist on the textile workers abiding by the findings of the Industrial Tribunal in accordance with their past undertakings to the Provincial Government and mill-owners.

The one year time-limit of the award, which became operative from January 1, 1948, will expire on December 31. The Provincial Government in setting down this period to one year, had made it clear in July last that the Tribunal's final award would be binding equally on the mill-owners and Labour.

Petrol Quota Enhanced

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21, (A.P.I.): The improved petrol supply position has enabled the Government of India to further enhance petrol quotas to various provinces and states for civil consumption for the quarter January-March 1949, says a press note from Ministry of Transport.

The enhancement is approximately ten per cent over the allocation for the previous quarter. This increase will enable the rationing authorities to grant increased petrol rations to passenger and goods vehicles.

Additional quotas have also been sanctioned specially for the purpose of enabling clearance of congestion at ports and nearby railway stations.

British Plan To Speed Up U. N. Work

LONDON, Dec. 21 (UPI): The British Government are to submit a three-point plan to speed up the work of future General Assembly sessions of the United Nations.

It will be discussed at the second half of the present General Assembly in New York, beginning on April 1.

Britain will propose: (1) Limitation of the Assembly's agenda (2) Wider powers for chairman of committees to prevent repetitive propaganda speeches by delegates. (3) Secret meetings of all sub-committees.

The chief aim of the British proposals is to curb the delaying tactics which have been adopted by delegations, particularly the Soviet bloc at all sessions of the General Assembli in the three years of UNO's life.

R.S.S. MOVEMENT PETERING OUT

Activities Confined To Few Urban Areas

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21, (API): The R.S.S. movement which has taken the form of demonstrations in various parts of the country during the last two weeks is showing signs of slackening, according to the latest indications available here officially.

These reports suggest that the number of demonstrators is lessening day by day thus indicating that enthusiasm for the movement is rapidly dying down.

Analysing the course of the R.S.S. demonstration it was officially pointed out here that among the vast masses of villages this organisation has no hold at all. Ever since the demonstrations began there has not been any instance where the peace of the villages has been disturbed.

The activities of the Sangh were thus confined only to a few urban areas, mainly in the Maharashtrian regions of Bombay and Central Provinces the United Provinces and Delhi. The rest of the country has remained completely unaffected even in urban areas.

The latest reports reaching the Central Government, however, reveal that even in the affected areas enthusiasm is dying down and that there are signs of the movement petering out. It is also stated that despite these demonstrations there has been no disruption in the life of the people in the cities. The demonstrations themselves have been throughout non-violent, although they set a problem for the police to deal.

Official enquiries regarding the organisation of the R.S.S. have revealed that the main-spring of its activities is Maharashtra and that it had no roots whatsoever amongst the people in different provinces of the country.

NAGPUR, Dec. 21, (API): 13 R.S.S mebers were arrested in the city area today for defiance of the prohibitory orders against their activities.

Another batch of 18 R.S.S. workers all college students, was taken into custody this evening for defiance of the ban on forming processions.

Four others were let off after they had given an undertaking in writing to a magistrate dissociating themselves from the R.S.S. and disclaiming belief in its ideals and principles.

Enquiries showed today that of the total arrests of 430 persons made in Nagpur since December 9 in connection with the R.S.S. activity more than 70 have given a written undertaking to the authorities severing their connection with the organisation and disclaiming any suport to it and thus secured their release.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21, (API): 57 R.S.S. workers were arrested here today. 55 of them were arrested for staging demonstrations in defiance of the official ban.

BOMBAY ARRESTS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Bombay city police have arrested so far in the city and suburbs a total of 1,173 R.S.S. volunteers since their "satyagraha" movement started on December 9. This figure includes 43 R.S.S. volunteers taken into custody today.